

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

Psalm 73

- **Read Psalm 73** – Talk about your first thoughts. What jumps out to you about this Psalm? What do you like? Do you have any questions?
- What do you think the Psalm is about? What is the writer concerned about?
- Do you think this is a happy Psalm, sad Psalm or frustrated Psalm? Explain why.
- **Quickly Read and review Psalm 1** then discuss how it may relate to the question that is being asked in the first half of Psalm 73.
- Why do you think God inspired this man to write this Psalm? What can we learn from it?
- Have you ever wondered why the wicked sometimes seem to get ahead in life while righteous people struggle? Explain why this can be difficult to understand.
- Have you ever struggled with being envious of the wicked (Verse 3)? Why or why not?
- Why do you think Asaph started this Psalm the way he did in verse 1? What does this verse tell us about Asaph’s presuppositional understanding of God’s character in light of the rest of the Psalm?
- Asaph was a contemporary of David. How do you think David’s life influenced Asaph’s struggle in this Psalm?
- Read verse 15 and discuss how Asaph’s relationship with other followers of God kept him from falling away. What does this tell us about the importance of fellowship and accountability?

- What finally pulled Asaph out of this envious self-pity (verse 16-17)? How does perspective help change the way we feel? What does this tell us about the importance of “taking thoughts captive”?
 - **Charles Spurgeon says** – His mind entered the eternity where God dwells as in a holy place, he left the things of sense for the things invisible, his heart gazed within the veil, he stood where the thrice holy God stands. Thus he shifted his point of view, and this apparent disorder resolved itself into harmony.
- If you have time, try to pray through part of Psalm 8.