



Psalm 34- "A Psalm of Deliverance"

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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Psalm 34

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. It assaults our pride to acknowledge that there are things we don't know or problems we can't overcome. But when we stop trying to do it ourselves, we are in a position to receive the help God sends. List questions that you have for God. Don't tell him what to do, just ask. Then sit quietly for a while and listen.
2. What words does David use in verses 1-10 to express his feelings toward God?
3. What benefits are mentioned in verses 1-10 that come to those who seek God's help?
4. What do you think David means by inviting his readers to "taste and see that the Lord is good?"
5. From verses 11-22, describe a righteous person.
6. According to what David writes, righteousness doesn't guarantee a trouble-free life. What assurances of comfort do the righteous have during times of pain?

"The Psalms provide the language, the aspirations, the energy for the community as it comes together in prayer."

-Eugene Peterson

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ How can the goodness of God be a means of strength in the problems that you face?
- ☀ Fear of the Lord is an Old Testament term for "respect and submission to God." We should be afraid of offending God with conscious acts of disobedience. What temptations are you facing now?
- ☀ How can learning the fear of the Lord keep you acting and thinking righteously?
- ☀ Ask God to increase your ability to "taste and see" that he is with you and that he is good.