#5 – A Prayer of Seeking

Psalm 34

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Notes

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of November 10, 2019

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, and growing in relationships.

**CONNECT**

1. What is the most memorable meal you have ever had?

**Pray:** Father, thank you for comforting us and answering us as we seek you in desperation.

**W2**

1. How did the sermon help you understand David’s mindset/heart/etc. when he wrote Psalm 34?
2. In Psalm 34:1-3, David gives an invitation to praise God with him “at all times.” Based on what you’ve learned of David’s circumstances, how does this challenge you?
3. Read vs. 4-7.
   1. What has changed about David’s physical circumstances?
   2. What does the Lord do for the person that seeks Him? (Deliverance, make our faces radiant, he listens, protects)
   3. What is the transformation of the person that calls out to the Lord?
4. Read Jeremiah 15:16 and Psalm 34:8. In Psalm 34, David encourages us to “taste and see that the Lord is good.” Talk about how different this is from somebody else tasting God's goodness and sharing it with you. How do you personally taste and see the Lord?
5. Read Psalm 34:9. Typically when we are told to “fear the Lord,” it refers to an attitude of reverence for God. In verses 12-14, it tells us there are actions associated with fearing the Lord.  What are those actions?   
   1. How did David live this way? Contrast his actions with King Saul.
   2. Even though David's circumstances were poor, he considered himself blessed because he had acted in reverence towards God. How is your life displaying reverence for God?
6. Where are other places that you have turned to in dark times in your life? How has that worked out for you and why is it so tempting to keep going back?
7. Read Psalm 34:5 and Matthew 5:14. According to these verses, the life of a person who fears the Lord displays His light. How does this shift your perspective on your hard times and reveal your responsibility to others?

**S2**

1. The Neighborhood Prayer Walk has just passed the one-year mark. How do you bring the light of Jesus to your neighbors?

**P2 (Prayer & Praise)**

1. God we praise you at all times, good and bad. May your praise be continually in our mouths.
2. Thank you, God, for overcoming our dark times through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3. Father, help us to turn away from evil, seek peace, and pursue it.
4. Group prayer requests (Pray for previous meeting requests and list new ones below).