



Community Group Curriculum | Psalm 9

Opening Question:

1. As follow-up from last week, spend a few minutes sharing your experience with the challenge to be praying about what God is asking you to give. This is bigger than just the Campaign; it's about leveraging what we have for God's kingdom and what he is doing through Village.

We are called to give:

- *Willingly and graciously* -- "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:7
- *Joyfully and generously* -- "...their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." 2 Cor 8:2
- *Proportionately and consistently* -- "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper," 1 Cor 16:2
- *Sacrificially and lovingly* -- "For they gave according to their means, ... and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favour of taking part in the relief of the saints." 2 Cor 8:3-4

In regard to giving, which relates to your personal situation the most and why?

Discussion Questions:

2. Psalm 9 is a mix of praise and celebration, as well as petition to God. As Pastor Ken suggested, start by sharing 1 or 2 "recountings of the wondrous works (miracles) God has done for you."
3. Study the names of God from the additional resource provided, and spend a few minutes as a group adding any additional names your group can think of.
 - a. Why might praying to God by these names be encouraging and faith-building?
 - b. Which 1 or 2 names do you find most meaningful and why?
4. Read Romans 12:9-21. What does it mean to 'bless those who persecute you'? In your life, consider situations when you felt mistreated or done wrong by a person or a group of people. What would it mean for you to 'bless' them?

"Going Deeper" Questions:

Choose ONE of the following questions

5. Read Matthew 25:31-46 as a group. Why do you suppose this text was suggested reading material in light of Psalm 9?

6. Psalm 9:1 says, “I will give thanks with my *whole* heart.” What does this mean in your life? Furthermore, are there areas in your *whole* life where God doesn’t have your *whole* heart (i.e. attitudes, mind, recreation, etc.)?

Bible Reading:

These are Bible readings that your group can use as a suggestion for their personal reading in the upcoming week.

- Romans 12:9-21
- 2 Samuel 22
- Psalm 18

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