

TALK IT OVER

Answer these questions with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard. Watching online? Discuss in person or online with others who watched. On site? Our service includes time to circle up and discuss.

1. Where do you see people struggling with the issue of justice in our world today?
2. In Psalm 73:21-24, what are the factors contributing to the psalmist's confusion? What ultimately gives the psalmist clarity?
3. To what extent are you taking advantage of the opportunities to get in God's presence? Assign a percentage. How could you increase your exposure?

THE STORY WE'RE LIVING

We inspire & equip people to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, because we believe that following Jesus makes life better and makes you better at life...and brings glory to God in the process. Join us!

THE PATTERN WE'RE FOLLOWING

Jesus lived a pattern of life marked by prayer, healing, and teaching. As Jesus' followers, we aim to follow his pattern, which we shorthand with know (our faith is relational), go (our faith is active), and grow (our faith is transformational).

THE PEOPLE WE'RE BECOMING

Jesus' followers are to be marked by love, take the initiative, and pursue excellence.

We are others-centered. Jesus said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13 NLT) Following Jesus means putting aside our comfort and preferences to serve others. We aim to express selfless concern through practical actions with sensitivity, kindness, and humility.

We are proactive. In the Scriptures we see repeatedly that those described as good and wise are the ones who see a need and then do what it takes to meet it. When we see a need, we don't make excuses or wait for an invitation, we leverage our resources for the benefit of others. We have a can-do, whatever-it-takes mentality.

We exceed expectations. We believe that excellence honors God and inspires people. Excellence is not perfectionism but simply doing the best you can with what you have. Our attitude is a reflection of Colossians 3:23a, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." (NIV) So we are always aiming to do more than what is required, take it up a notch, go above and beyond, and exceed expectations.

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“Why don't bad things happen to bad people?”

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

END GAME

PERMISSION TO BE REAL PART TWO

THE SOUNDTRACK OF LIFE IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS

TODAY: JUSTICE • PSALM 73

THE BOTTOM LINE

GET IN GOD'S _____ TO GAIN
GOD'S _____

Then I went into your sanctuary, O God,
and I finally understood... – Psalm 73:17a NLT

2. What the Bible _____ is true is
_____.



THE PSALMS ARE TRUE TO

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_____ VISION

_____ PERSPECTIVE

Truly God is good to Israel,
to those whose hearts are pure.

But as for me, I almost lost my footing.
My feet were slipping, and I was almost gone.

For I envied the proud
when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.
– Psalm 73:1-3 NLT

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“I saw,” he confesses, “the shalom of the wicked” (v. 3).

Mays, James L. Psalms (Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching) (p. 241). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.

OUR UNDERSTANDING IS

Did I keep my heart pure for nothing?
Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?
I get nothing but trouble all day long;
every morning brings me pain.
– Psalm 73:13-14 NLT

If I had really spoken this way to others,
I would have been a traitor to your people.

So I tried to understand why the wicked prosper.
But what a difficult task it is!

(MSG: ...when I tried to figure it out,
all I got was a splitting headache...)

Then I went into your sanctuary, O God,
and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked.
– Psalm 73:15-17 NLT

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE GRANTS

Truly, you put them on a slippery path
and send them sliding over the cliff to destruction.
– Psalm 73:18 NLT

When I was beleaguered and bitter,
totally consumed by envy,

I was totally ignorant, a dumb ox
in your very presence.

I'm still in your presence,
but you've taken my hand.

You wisely and tenderly lead me,
and then you bless me.

– Psalm 73:21-24 MSG

THE CHALLENGE

_____ UP!
IN GOD'S _____
WITHIN GOD'S _____
AMONG GOD'S _____

...God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things...
Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?
– Romans 2:2b, 4 NLT

“I commit my life to Jesus.”

Saying “YES” to Jesus?

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Let us celebrate your decision & resource you for your new life in Christ.

I've made Lord God my home.
God, I'm telling the world what you do!
– Psalm 73:28b MSG