

All about Jesus

Small group questions

The Psalms – God’s hymnbook

Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don’t know the answer – please contact

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What are the Psalms?

1. Do you have a favourite Psalm, or Psalms?
Why is it / are they meaningful to you?
2. How have you used and approached the Psalms before? Discuss.
3. Have you ever considered them to be God’s hymn book that He gives to His people?
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How does this help us understand what Andrew said about the Psalms being words from God, that He’s given to us (through David, and other authors who wrote them), that we can in turn use to offer up to Him?
5. Discuss how the Psalms are God’s invitation, or “divine permission” to express real life with God. Perhaps share how you’ve experienced this in the past.

How should we use them?

6. Read Colossians 3:15-17. Discuss how this helps us understand the way the Psalms can be used at church – whether spoken together or sung.
7. Discuss your favourite Psalm put to music.
Is there any Psalms you’d like to hear put to music? Discuss what type of music would best accompany that Psalm.
8. Why did Andrew say that the Psalms used communally in gathered worship, assist God’s design for our gathered worship? (you may wish to read Romans 1:11-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and Hebrews 10:24-25)

How do they point us to Jesus?

9. Read Psalm 1, and then Psalm 2 together (yes, together and out loud).
Now pick a couple of Psalms and spend some time discussing how these two Psalms help unlock the Psalm you’ve chosen, specifically in how it points us to Jesus.
(For example, you could use Psalm 16, Psalm 71, Psalm 95)
10. Reflect together on the sovereignty and wonder of God, in that He could give words to people thousands of years ago that look forward to His ultimate rescue through His Son.
And, that these words can still be used by us today to express to Him what life is like now, and how Jesus ultimately resolves all the shortcomings, frustrations, challenges and joys & hopes of our lives today.