



Leader

1/21 - Psalm 72: 1-5; 11-14; 17-19

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[Dialogue]

2. Let's read our primary text. When you finish reading, how does the Psalmist describe the priorities of God? What themes are present?

God is justice and righteousness and those who represent Him (kings, rulers, and authorities) should seek to rightly represent these attributes. He desires prosperity for all people, deliverance to the needy and justice for those who oppress. He is to be feared by all people for all time. He is also simultaneously the source of all blessing for all people, everywhere.

3. How does God feel about the helpless, poor, and needy? How then should we view these individuals?

These people are the people most subjected to oppression and violence. We should see their lives as God does...as fellow image bearers, precious in His sight.

4. How do we grow in our love for the helpless, poor, and needy?

We seek to know them, as God knows them. We model Philippians 2 and the example of Christ's Humility to have a posture of love and respect for all people. We seek to act in accordance with the will of God to bring about Shalom (peace, wholeness, reconciliation) to everyone we encounter, showing no partiality, as God shows no partiality.

5. In your own life, where do you need to grow/shift in order to better align with the will of God described in this Psalm? How do you think Jesus would have responded in life situations you have encountered (homelessness, those who have no advocate)?

[Dialogue]

6. How does the Psalmist describe the climax of all the collective attributes of God found in this Psalm?

"Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!"

7. Which verse would you choose as the verse that best captures the heart of God in this Psalm?

[Dialogue]

8. Any closing thoughts concerning this text?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today," ... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.