



Leader

1/25 - Psalm 82:1-8

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. What is the context of this Psalm? Who is speaking and what is the setting?

Psalm 82 is a Psalm of divine judgment. God himself is speaking. Verse 1 portrays a courtroom or council scene where God stands to judge “the assembly” and passes judgment among the “gods.” This imagery emphasizes God’s supreme authority over all other powers, rulers and authorities. He is not one among equals; he is the Judge over all.

3. Who are the “gods” mentioned in verses 1 and 6?

The “gods” most likely refer to human rulers or judges who exercise authority on God’s behalf. This fits the context, since they are rebuked for injustice, partiality, and failure to protect the weak...moral responsibilities given to human leaders. [See also John 10:34-36].

4. What specific sins does God accuse these rulers of?

- Showing partiality to the wicked (v. 2)
- Failing to defend the weak and fatherless (v. 3)
- Neglecting justice for the poor and oppressed (v. 3)
- Failing to rescue the weak from exploitation (v. 4)

5. What does this Psalm teach us about God’s character? What other passages might support this Psalm?

God’s justice is not abstract—it is practical, moral, and protective of the weak. God...

- Is deeply concerned with justice
- Is a defender the vulnerable
- Will ultimately establish righteous rule over all nations

[Micah 6:8 - *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*]

6. How to do we today align with God's character as described in the previous question?

We are to reflect the heart of God in all of our actions, and those with influence are especially reminded that authority is a stewardship before God.

7. How does the hope in verse 8 (God judging the earth) provide comfort amid injustice?

It assures us that God will ultimately right all wrongs, as all nations belong to Him. This encourages perseverance and prayer for divine intervention, knowing that temporary powers will fade while God's rule endures.

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up 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 it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to practice sharing the gospel with the group?

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.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- Multiple AI Resources