

LOVE

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

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

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. Why might the psalmist have "envied the arrogant"? What does this reveal about human nature?

He envied them because they appeared to thrive without trouble, leading carefree lives. This reveals a common human tendency to compare ourselves to others, focusing on outward success rather than spiritual integrity, which can lead to bitterness or loss of faith when life seems unfair.

3. How does the psalmist describe the lives of the wicked, and what attitudes do they exhibit?

The wicked are portrayed as healthy, strong, and free from common human struggles. They have no pangs of death, no burdens. They are prideful, violent, and mocking toward God and others, boasting as if the heavens belong to them and scoffing at divine knowledge.

4. Can you relate this to modern examples of "the wicked prospering"? How might this affect someone's faith today?

Modern parallels include corrupt leaders, exploitative corporations, or influencers who thrive through unethical means. This can erode faith by fostering cynicism, but this Psalm reminds us to look beyond surface-level success towards things eternal, towards God.

5. What changes the psalmist's perspective, and why is this moment pivotal?

The sanctuary of God. Entering this sanctuary of God provides wisdom, insight, and right perspective into the wicked's ultimate destiny. This is pivotal because it shifts focus from earthly appearances to divine reality, transforming envy into understanding through pursuing righteousness and truth found in God.

6. What key realizations about God and himself does the psalmist reach?

He realizes God's unwavering hold on him ("you hold me by my right hand"). He also realizes that earthly desires pale in comparison to God, shifting his treasure from worldly success to divine relationship.

7. How might applying this psalm change one's daily perspective on injustice?

It encourages viewing challenges through an eternal lens, trusting God's sovereignty, and finding contentment in Him, which can reduce bitterness and inspire testimony of His goodness.

8. How has envy affected your faith? What biblical "sanctuary" practices help us gain perspective?

Share a time when God's justice became clear in hindsight.

[Dialogue]

9. 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