# Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide Sunday, September 15, 2019



# From Here You Can See Forever!

Psalm 92

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### Get to Know You

The Scripture we will be looking at today uses a gardening metaphor. Who likes to garden? Who detests gardening? Who has a green thumb?

### **Study the Book**

#### **Prompting for Praise**

Read Psalm 92:1-5

What does it mean when the Psalmist says, "It is good to praise the Lord?"

How can proclaiming God's love in the morning be beneficial in life?

How does remembering God's faithfulness at night help us gain a proper perspective on life?

Verses 4 & 5 speak of praising God for his mighty works. What are some mighty works of God that deserve praise? What has God done in your life recently for which He deserves praise?

#### **Perspective for Praise**

Read Psalm 92:6-15

Verse 8 serves as the pinnacle of this Psalm. It is the mountaintop declaration from which all of the other descriptions in the Psalm ascend or descend. Reread verse 8.

Our God wins. His kingdom triumphs. His word prevails.

How does the truth of verse 8 affect our daily thoughts and actions?

This Psalm compares the wicked to grass and the righteous to trees. What does the author mean by using this metaphor?

Verse 15 says, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

What does it mean that the Lord is the author's Rock? How has the Lord been your Rock in the past? How is the Lord your Rock now and in the future?

Notice the verb tenses of verses 12 -15. (For all of you non-English majors, they are future tense: "will \_\_\_\_\_\_".)

The promised flourishing found in these verses is in the future. Jesus Christ has already won the victory that results in this peace, rest, and flourishing when He died on the cross for our sins. One day we will fully experience this peace and flourishing when we no longer have to fight the sin, suffering, and evil of this world.

## **Group Application Discussion**

Believers often struggle with the right words to praise God in our prayers. We are given words to sing but often struggle when trying to think of our own words in prayer. What are some adjectives/descriptions/attributes of God that we can use as we praise God in our prayers? Have 2-3 people say a prayer of praise to God. Conclude it by thanking Him for something He has done.

# Live the Book (Personal Reflection and Application)

Set aside two times this week that focus specifically on praising God through song, prayer, journaling, or reflection.