

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. What usually gets your first attention in the morning, and how does that shape the rest of your day? Look up Mark 1:35. What does Jesus' example teach us about beginning the day with the Father?
2. David brings God his words, his groaning, and his cry for help. Which of those best describes your prayer life right now? Look up Romans 8:26–27. How does the ministry of the Holy Spirit encourage you when you do not know how to pray?
3. What does Psalm 5 teach us about the holiness of God and His attitude toward wickedness, pride, deceit, and violence?
4. Why is it dangerous to think of sin only as something “out there” in other people? Look up Romans 3:9–14. How does Paul use the language of Psalm 5 to turn the passage into a mirror for all humanity?
5. David enters God's presence through His abundant *חֶסֶד* (*hesed*)—steadfast covenant mercy. How does this point us to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Look up Hebrews 10:19–22. On what basis can believers now draw near to God with confidence? Discuss.
6. Where are you tempted to respond to a crooked world with crooked methods, words, or attitudes? Look up Romans 12:17–21. What does it mean to overcome evil with good? Can you think of practical examples in real life? Share.
7. David asks God to make His way straight before him. What decision, relationship, temptation, or responsibility do you need God to guide right now? Look up James 1:5–8. What does this passage teach about asking God for wisdom?
8. How can our mouths become instruments of death through gossip, flattery, exaggeration, manipulation, or careless speech? Look up James 3:5–12. Which picture of the tongue in this passage most challenges you?
9. What would it look like to pray for justice without taking revenge into your own hands? Look up 1 Peter 2:21–23. How did Jesus respond when He was insulted, mistreated, and falsely accused?
10. Where are you currently looking for refuge besides God—control, money, reputation, relationships, politics, comfort, or your own abilities? What promise are you hoping that refuge will keep, and how has it failed to give you the security, peace, or identity that only God can provide? Look up Matthew 6:19–21, 24–34. What does Jesus teach about misplaced trust, anxiety, and seeking first the kingdom of God?
11. How does the picture of God's favor surrounding His people like a large body shield give you confidence without promising a life free from suffering? Look up Romans 8:31–39. What can and cannot happen to those who are in Christ?
12. What practical change can you make this week so that you meet with God before the day hits you?

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Welcome to Del Rey Church, and thank you for joining us. Today we turn to Psalm 5 for a message titled “Before the Day Hits You.”

We all know what it is like to wake up already carrying yesterday's burdens, facing anxious thoughts, difficult decisions, and voices competing for our attention. Before we have spoken to God, the world is often already telling us what to fear and where to hurry. Psalm 5 gives us a morning prayer for life in a crooked world. Surrounded by deceitful people, dangerous words, and uncertainty,

David brings his words, groaning, and cries before the Lord. He reminds himself that God is holy, sinners enter His presence only through abundant mercy, and those who take refuge in Him are surrounded with favor like a shield. Whether you are visiting or Del Rey Church is your home, we are grateful you're here. Our prayer is today's service will help us begin each day beneath the rule of God and rest in the mercy and protection we have through Jesus Christ. We're so glad you're here today to worship Him with us.

“Before the Day Hits You”

The Book of Psalms, Chapter 5

DEL REY CHURCH

Pastor Matt Jones, PhD

❶ The _____ and Meaning

❷ The _____ of the Morning (Ps.5:1–3)

❸ The _____ of the Majesty (Ps.5:4–6)

❹ The _____ of Mercy (Ps.5:7–8)

❺ The _____ of the Mouth (Ps.5:9–10)

❻ The _____ of the Most-High (Ps.5:11–12)

❼ The _____ of the Message (Ps.5:1–12)