



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of April 5, 2020*

*During this time that we are not able to meet together, please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Psalm 103

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

In Van Michael's sermon he had three main points: 1) Bless the Lord, 2) Beware of Forgetfulness and 3) Behold His Benefits. The main goal of the sermon was to help us bless the Lord by remembering and reveling in His benefits. Van's prayer was that we would be floored, amazed, astounded, and awed by the unbelievable benefits we have received through God's saving grace as they are recorded in Psalm 103.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. How is blessing the Lord a demonstration of your commitment to God? How are we blessed when we bless the Lord?
2. What is spiritual forgetfulness and why is it a danger to your soul? How are you prone to it?
3. In his sermon, Van listed several "benefits" related to God's mercy and love. Which ones of these stood out to you most? (See a summary below)
4. What are some ways you can strengthen your fight against forgetfulness?

## **These are the benefits that Psalm 103 exhorts us not to forget.**

### **Do not forget...**

- God's mercy in revelation V.7 "He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel."
- God's mercy in not treating us in the way we deserve. V.10 - "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities."
- God's mercy in patience V.8-9 "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever."
- God's mercy in forgiveness - V.3a "who forgives all your iniquity,"
- God's mercy in removing our sins V.12 "as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."
- God's mercy in redemption V. 4a "who redeems your life from the pit,"
- God's mercy in healing - V. 3b "who heals all your diseases"
- God's abounding love - V.4b "who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy," 5 "who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.", 8b "abounding in steadfast love", 11 "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him"
- God's compassionate love - V.13 "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."
- God's unending love. V. 14-16 "For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more." v. 17 "But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting"