



FAMILY DEVOTION

WEEK 1

LAWNDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Scripture: Psalm 23

QUESTIONS :

- There are two big images of God in this passage: God as shepherd and God as a host. What are some of the images this passage that describe God as a Shepherd?
- What do you think the images of green pastures, still waters, and paths of righteousness mean? Can you think examples of any of these in your life?
- What do you think the Valley of the Shadow of Death is? Can you think of examples of where we can experience times of despair, darkness, and danger?
- Even in the midst of walking through this dark, scary valley, the Psalmist says he will not fear. What's the reason he says he doesn't fear?
- What are some of the images in this passage that describe God as a Host? (Preparation of a table, cups are overflowing, and dwelling in the House of the Lord forever)
- What does it mean that our Cups will overflow?
- What two things are promised to us in God's House? (Goodness and Mercy)
- What does this Psalm make you think about God, yourself, and does it make you desire anything?

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Scripture: Psalm 62

QUESTIONS :

- Tim Keller says "this is a psalm for those under stress, and the first verse is the key to facing it." What is it about the first verse that shows the key to facing stress?
- Count how many times it refers to God "alone" or "only" God? What are some things we put our hope and trust in that are not God?
- What are some words used to describe God's unshakeableness in this Psalm? (Rock, fortress, etc.)
- If God is as strong as this Psalm says he is, then what do we have to fear?
- These are truths we need to be constantly reminding ourselves of. Exodus 14:14 says "The Lord will fight for you, all you have to do is be silent." In this Psalm is David trying to provide for himself or is he being silent? What would it look like for you to wait in silence?

Opening:

Psalm 84:1-2

Sing together

We Will Feast in the House of Zion by Sandra McCracken.
(You can find chord sheets of this online, or sing along with YouTube, or just go Acapella!)

Closing Prayer

Go around the room and each person pray for something in the world or going on in the world.

Closing Song: The House of God Forever by Jon Foreman
Look up on Youtube and click on the one with lyrics. Feel free to sing along with it if you can pick it up!

Opening:

Proverbs 18:10

Sing together

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Closing Prayer

Go around the room and each person pray for your neighbors and friends.

Closing Song:

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62) by Wendell Kimbrough.
(check it out on youtube!)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Scripture: Psalm 28

QUESTIONS:

- Does it always feel like God hears our prayers?
- What does the Bible tell us about God listening to our prayers? Read 1 John 5:14-15?
- The Psalmist fears of being “dragged away with the wicked.” What do you fear?
- What is it that the Psalmist is crying out for in this Psalm?
- What is mercy?

Opening:

Micah 7:18

Sing together

Come Thou Fount

Closing Prayer

Go around the room and each person pray for our church, its members, its staff, the elders and the deacons, and the pastors.

Closing Song: Tender Mercy
by Indelible Grace

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Scripture: Psalm 139

QUESTIONS:

- This beautiful Psalm is all about being known by God. What are some of the ways that David describes how he knows that God knows him?
- Verse 5 says that God “hems me in.” What does this mean and how can it be a scary or worrisome thing to be fully known by God— or anyone?
- Verse 10 shows the flip side of being completely known: comfort. How is it a comforting thing to be fully known by God?
- Psalm 139:12 has been an all-time favorite verse for me. David says that no matter how dark it gets, God will never let go of our hands. How does this comfort you in the current turmoil?

Opening:

Hebrews 4:13

Sing together

Abide with Me
(chords and music can be found on Indelible Grace Hymnbook website)

Closing Prayer

Go around the room and each person pray for your family members.

Closing Song:

In You O Lord I am Found
(Psalm 139) by Wendell Kimbrough