

## Sermon Discussions on Psalms

Over the summer we will be looking at a number of Psalms. Rather than having a specific study each week, we will try to use a fixed template. The aim is that we spend more time on application and sharing and less on understanding, as that happened on Sunday.

## **Preparation/Tips**

- Make sure you listen to the sermon, are clear on the message, spend time in prayer for yourself and your group, and can share something for every question.
- It is usually good to send the questions to your group and ask them to think and pray through the questions beforehand (so they will have to catch up on the sermon too). However, with some groups this can take away from discussion.
- Maybe think of a relevant icebreaker that connects with the theme of the sermon.
- Try to spend at least 60% of your time on application (questions 3-4, 6-7). For question 2, don't spend too much time on questions about details that have little consequence for the meaning and application of the text.

## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

- (*Understanding*) What was the sermon about this week? What was the Big Idea and what were the main points?
- (*Understanding*) Do you have any questions about the passage or things you didn't understand? Spend a short time trying to find an answer together.
- (*Application*) What part of the sermon was most impactful to you personally, and why?
- (*Application*) Where in the sermon/passage were you convicted of sin, or feel the need to repent?
- (Bit of both) What did the sermon/passage reveal to you of Christ and the gospel?
- (*Application*) What from the sermon/passage do you want to rejoice in? How does it motivate you to respond?
- (Application) What is God calling you to do in the light of this message?