

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of June 29-30, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

In the Face of Evil

(Psalm 52)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Psalm 52.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Stetson's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Considering the evil you witness around you (locally, nationally, globally), how easy or difficult is it for you to be hopeful?

What helps you stay hopeful? What causes difficulty for you in staying hopeful?

If you ever feel like God is asleep while evil is getting the upper hand, share a bit about this emotion and how it impacts your relationship with God?

In Psalm 52, we see David staying hopeful in the aftermath of a massacre.

What do you feel as you read David's words? Are you inspired? Does his response seem impossible? Something else?

In verses 1-4, David acknowledges evil's presence. How do you deal with processing evil in our world?

What is the risk of trying to simply ignore or deny evil's presence?

What does it look like to acknowledge evil while not being overwhelmed by it?

When has God's love enabled you to remain hopeful amid evil?

In verses 5-7, and 1, David speaks confidently that evil will be dealt with – that God's "steadfast love," will triumph and endure.

When experiencing evil, how easy, or difficult is it for you to trust that God's love does in fact have the upper hand both now and forever more?

Where have you seen love overpower evil in your own life or in those around you?

In verse 8, David describes himself as a "green olive tree" made possible by the fact that he is in the "house of God."

How fully are you enjoying the refuge offered by residing in the house of God?

When, if ever, has God's presence felt even more tangible to you during a rough storm?

What was this experience like and how did it impact how you handled the situation?

What could it look like to live in this knowledge more fully and more consistently?

In verse 9, David declared his thankfulness to God because, "(God) has done it." Even while on the run, David was confident that God was already victorious over the evil he was facing.

When has the knowledge that, "God has done it" enabled you to find hope and maybe even joy during hardship?

When have you been inspired by a fellow believer exhibiting hope during hardship?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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