

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY 02/2713

1. WHEN CHILDREN ARE IN TROUBLE AND NEED HELP, WHAT DO THEY LOOK FOR IN THE PERSON TO WHOM THEY TURN FOR HELP? WHEN DAVID WAS IN TROUBLE AND LOOKING FOR HELP, WHAT DID HE SEE IN GOD THAT BROUGHT HIM COMFORT (PSALM 62:11-12)? AS YOU LOOK AT PSALMS 61-66, FIND OTHER VERSES THAT SPEAK OF THESE TWO ATTRIBUTES OF GOD AND EXPLAIN TO EACH OTHER THE COMFORT AND JOY THAT THESE WORDS OF GOD BRING.

2. ONE OF THE GREAT CONFESSIONS OF FAITH IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE IS PSALM 68:19-20. TAKE TIME TO RELATE VARIOUS PARTS OF THESE VERSES TO STATEMENTS IN THE APOSTLES' CREED AND LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE SMALL CATECHISM.

3. HOW DO YOU THINK THE RICH AND FAMOUS LIVE? WHICH TV SHOWS SEEM TO INDICATE THAT WE ENVY THE RICH AND FAMOUS? ASAPH, THE PSALMIST, CONFESSES THAT HE "ALMOST SLIPPED" INTO THE TRAP OF ENVYING SUCH PEOPLE (PSALM 73:2-3). HOW DOES HE DESCRIBE THEM (PSALM 73:4-9, 12)? WHAT DID HE FEEL WAS THE RESULT OF HIS FOLLOWING GOD'S WAYS (PSALM 73:13-14, 21-22)? HOW DID THE PSALMIST GET OUT OF HIS DESPAIR (PSALM 73:17, 23-26)? WHAT IS THE PSALMIST'S MESSAGE FOR US WHEN WE THINK OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE RICH AND FAMOUS, HAVE IT SO GOOD?

4. SOME HAVE CALLED PSALM 78 A PSALM OF HISTORY. WHAT HISTORY IS RECALLED IN THIS PSALM? WHAT PATTERN DID THE PSALMIST SEE IN THIS HISTORY (PSALM 78:32-38)? OTHERS HAVE CALLED THIS A PSALM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (PSALM 78:308)? YET, THIS IS A PSALM ABOUT GOD. TIME AFTER TIME GOD ACTED TO SAVE AND REDEEM HIS PEOPLE. THE PSALMIST CONCLUDES BY SPEAKING OF GOD'S CHOOSING OF DAVID TO BE THE SERVANT/SHEPHERD OF HIS PEOPLE. HOW IS DAVID A PICTURE OF JESUS, THE PROMISED MESSIAH (MATTHEW 2:6; JOHN 10:11; REVELATION 7:17)? TODAY INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE AGENCIES AND PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN YOUR CONGREGATION AND THE CHURCH, ESPECIALLY THE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, DAYCARE AND MIDWEEK PROGRAMS, AND ALL BIBLE CLASSES. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE SEMINARIES AND THE SCHOOLS IN THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AS WELL.

5. IT'S WEDNESDAY- THE DAY WE STUDY PSALMS 83-89. SOME PEOPLE CALL IT "HUMP DAY"- THE DAY WE GET OVER THE HUMP AND HEAD FOR THE WEEKEND. ARE YOU LONGING FOR THE WEEKEND? OR, ARE YOU LONGING FOR GOING TO CHURCH. IDENTIFY SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THE PSALMIST ANTICIPATES. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BLESSINGS YOU RECEIVE FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP (ACTS 2:42; ACTS 5:42; ACTS 11:28-30; ACTS 20:7; COLOSSIANS 3:12-17; 2 THESSALONIANS

1:3-4)? THANK GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS OF AND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP WITH FELLOW CHRISTIANS.

6. HOW MANY PICTURES OF SECURITY IN GOD CAN YOU FIND IN PSALM 91? IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN THEM. WHICH ONE IS MOST MEANINGFUL TO YOU? WHY?