

JOURNAL QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHTFUL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

Each week you will have the opportunity to reflect on the spiritual lessons of the Psalms and apply them in concrete ways (prayer and testimony). These questions will build on responsible methods of study that focus on 3 transformative movements: (1) **Recognition**: What is honestly going on in our hearts and lives, (2) **Redirection**: Opening ourselves up to the correction of the Spirit, and (3) **Reorientation**: Choosing the path we will follow as we learn how to build our lives around God-centered principles. Each Journal entry will include a prayer based on the Psalms that either addresses (1) a specific situation in your life, or (2) exercises a deeper intercessory role on behalf of others.

WEEK 3: SONGS OF WISDOM THAT INVITE US TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES

A. Short Answers

1. What recent patterns of a godly life do you recognize as shaping you into a person of wisdom? What do you think God is accomplishing through this process?
 - a. God has taught me through this pandemic to seek him more and don't worry what is around me. He is teaching me to see with my spiritual eyes and not my natural eyes, but the natural eyes are not correct. This has been an eye opener for me. All my life I have looked naturally and so many times I do it wrong, but if I stop and wait and see what God truly has in store for me but looking spiritually it is a much better place.

2. Have you come to recognize patterns of thinking or behavior within you that is foolish or unwise?
 - a. Absolutely, and that is a work in progress. When I trust my flesh without consulting God, the Holy Spirit will remind me that is the wrong way. Now in the past I would ignore that, but today I will say, Lord where do YOU want me to go.

3. What areas of your lived life would you like to strive to develop further or correct in accordance with the teaching of the wisdom psalms about God's character and will?
 - a. I want to be able to learn more compassion when people need help. I have it for a bit, but then I get too busy and forget to make the phone call to someone that was sick or had a problem. When I forget and then remember, I should even then call to check on them, but think it is too late. Holy Spirit is working with me on this, but I need to be more in tuned earlier than I do.

B. Prayer (either for yourself or someone else): Write out a prayer that invites God into a concern raised or an area the Spirit is speaking to you about from our topic. Creatively, compassionately, and

courageously imagine that **more is possible**. What is that “more” that you are daring to dream for you (or someone else)? Share this with God.

Lord, my prayer today is to have more of you. I don't need anything else as long as it is more of you.

Fill me with your wisdom, love, knowledge and mercy. Teach me to love like you did Jesus when you walked the earth. Your compassion was known throughout the earth and today it is the same. Teach me to set aside time to learn all this so I can be your light to others.