

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 28, 2010

Passage: Psalm 132

Memory Passage: Psalm 132:3-5

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Psalm 132:1-5.** 2 Samuel 7:1-17 tells the story of David desiring to build a temple for the Ark of God. This Psalm gives us a parallel account of this story from 2 Samuel. What kind of hardships and troubles did David face (1 Samuel 19:10; 22:1; 23:14)? Why would the Psalmist ask the Lord to remember this?

(b) David's vow is recorded here. Is David's vow literal or hyperbole? Why would David be so concerned with God having an earthly dwelling place (2 Samuel 7:1-2)? Does God need a dwelling place (Psalm 19:1)?

(c) Where has God chosen a dwelling place on earth now (Ephesians 2:19-22)? How should our actions reflect the actual presence of God residing in us (Ephesians 5:15-21)?

(d) *Family:* Read Psalm 132:1-5. What kind of hardships had David endured during his life? How important was it to David that God would have a suitable place to have the Ark? What kind of temple are you making yourself out to be?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17.** What is it that God is going to do for David because he wanted to build a house for Him? Why is it that David was not allowed to build the temple of God (1 Kings 5:3; 1 Chronicles 22:8)?

(b) Why would God want a man of peace to build His temple instead of a man of War and conflict? How does God's temple later become more than just a worshipping place for Israelites (2 Chronicles 6:32-33)?

(c) How is Christ in His own person the ultimate example of what the Temple was supposed to do? What does seeing God's faithfulness to carry on the Davidic line through Christ show us about the faithfulness of God (Luke 3:31)?

(d) *Family:* Read Samuel 7:1-17. What is David promised in 2 Samuel? Why is he given this according to Psalm 132:1-5? How are we to be like David in his desire to build a temple for God?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Psalm 132:6-9.** Verse 7 helps us to see the Temple and the Ark in the proper perspective. What does it compare it to? How does God condescend to show us His glory today (John 1:14)?

(b) Does God actually rise and move? How does this help us to understand the nearness of God? Could we say that God rises and rests in the hearts of His people now (1 Corinthians 3:16)?

(c) In verse 9, we have a picture of what proper worship should look like. What function do priests play in worship? Why would their righteousness be important? Why should joy be the natural feeling of worshipping God? Do you feel full of joy when you worship God?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Psalm 132:10-12.** Here the shift of the Psalm is to David. What might the psalmist mean by asking God not to turn His face away? What does this face to faceness mean (Psalm 22:24; 67:1)?

(b) Now the Lord swears an oath to David. What is the content of that Oath? Does the Lord fulfill this oath? Do David's son's fulfill their side of the oath? Why then does God send Jesus through this line?

(c) What do we learn about God's graciousness in His promises? How does 2 Timothy 2:11-13 help us to understand, what God did for David and what God does for us?

(d) *Family:* Read Psalm 132:6-12. What is God's temple described as? How big does this make God? What is the result of David's desire to build the temple? What kind of promise does God make to us in 2 Timothy 2:11-13?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Psalm 132:13-18.** Why did God choose Zion for the resting place of His ark? Would there have been better places, nicer places? What limits the presence of God dwelling now?

(b) What promises does the Lord give? How are each of these promises fulfilled in Jesus? Give a verse reference if you can.

(c) Verse 16 is almost word for word the same as verse 9. What is the difference? What does this say about salvation and its connection to righteousness?

(d) *Family*: Read Psalm 132:13-18. What kind of things does God promise to provide in these verses? How has God promised to provide similar things for us? Go through each one and come up with a way He provides these things for us now.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. What do we learn about God through this passage? What do we learn about God's plan for a future messiah? How does Christ not only fulfill that promise but the other promises given? Are you looking to Christ to fulfill all of those things? Whether it be justice or provision? Are you as fervent in your desire to see the Lord honored as David was? Are you willing to endure hardship for Christ?

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"I will clothe them with salvation"