



LifeGroup Discussion Questions

The Doctrine of Salvation | May 16, 2021

Summary

Jesus' suffering on the cross allowed us to experience the Father's love and forgiveness.

Scripture

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Why are you so far away when I groan for help?
- ² Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer.
Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief.
- ³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ Our ancestors trusted in you,
and you rescued them.
- ⁵ They cried out to you and were saved.
They trusted in you and were never disgraced.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man.
I am scorned and despised by all!
- ⁷ Everyone who sees me mocks me.
They sneer and shake their heads, saying,
- ⁸ "Is this the one who relies on the LORD?
Then let the LORD save him!
If the LORD loves him so much,
let the LORD rescue him!"
- ⁹ Yet you brought me safely from my mother's womb
and led me to trust you at my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ I was thrust into your arms at my birth.
You have been my God from the moment I was born.
- ¹¹ Do not stay so far from me,
for trouble is near,
and no one else can help me.
- ¹² My enemies surround me like a herd of bulls;
fierce bulls of Bashan have hemmed me in!
- ¹³ Like lions they open their jaws against me,
roaring and tearing into their prey.
- ¹⁴ My life is poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart is like wax,
melting within me.

15 My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay.
My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.
You have laid me in the dust and left me for dead.

16 My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs;
an evil gang closes in on me.
They have pierced my hands and feet.

17 I can count all my bones.
My enemies stare at me and gloat.

18 They divide my garments among themselves
and throw dice for my clothing.

19 O LORD, do not stay far away!
You are my strength; come quickly to my aid!

20 Save me from the sword;
spare my precious life from these dogs.

21 Snatch me from the lion's jaws
and from the horns of these wild oxen.

22 I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.
I will praise you among your assembled people.

23 Praise the LORD, all you who fear him!
Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob!
Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!

24 For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy.
He has not turned his back on them,
but has listened to their cries for help.

25 I will praise you in the great assembly.
I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

26 The poor will eat and be satisfied.
All who seek the LORD will praise him.
Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

27 The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him.
All the families of the nations will bow down before him.

28 For royal power belongs to the LORD.
He rules all the nations.

29 Let the rich of the earth feast and worship.
Bow before him, all who are mortal,
all whose lives will end as dust.

30 Our children will also serve him.
Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.

31 His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born.
They will hear about everything he has done. -Psalm 22 (NLT)

²⁵ King David said this about him:

‘I see that the LORD is always with me.

I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

²⁶ No wonder my heart is glad,

and my tongue shouts his praises!

My body rests in hope.

²⁷ For you will not leave my soul among the dead

or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.

²⁸ You have shown me the way of life,

and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.’

²⁹ “Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn’t referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. -Acts 2:25-29 (NLT)

⁴⁶ At about three o’clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” -Matthew 27:46 (NLT)

Let’s Start

Have you ever saved someone from misfortune?

Gratitude and Prayer

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to pray for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let’s Talk

1. Pastor Dale spoke about Psalm 22 being a mystery psalm written by David, but it is actually a prophesy of Christ on the Cross. What portions from this psalm are prophesies about Christ?
2. When did you first hear the Gospel message? When did you first understand the Gospel and your need for a Savior?
3. What has Jesus saved you from?
4. How does understanding Christ’s sufferings help when you find yourself in difficult times?
5. Review the three points from Pastor Dale below. Which one of these statements is most meaningful to you? Why?
 - a) Jesus willingly suffered the loss of His Father's presence so we could experience His Father's forgiveness and love.

b) Though forsaken for our sins, Jesus remained faithful, so we could be reclaimed by God's love.

c) In Jesus Christ's redeeming love we find eternal salvation.

6. How do you explain the necessity of Christ’s death to an unbeliever? What are the essentials of a Gospel message?

7. Does salvation affect more than just the afterlife? Explain.

Let’s Act

What is your group doing to share the message of salvation? Is there more that can be done? What?

Notes
