God's Everyday Grace Experiencing God's Presence

Sermon Notes for Jan. 17, 2021

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3 Lessons Asaph teaches us about going to the Sanctuary of God

1. When you go to the Sanctuary, Be Honest with <u>G</u>.

2. When you go to the Sanctuary, Be Honest with Y_____.

3. When you go to the Sanctuary, Expect it to be A

<u>A</u> God.

God's Everyday Grace Discussion/Study Guide for Experiencing God's Presence

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use

- all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.
- If grace is God's unending and unmerited love towards us, how have you experienced God's grace this week? Are there specific ways in which God gave you something from His love?
- Read Psalm 73. Do you see the distinctly before and after structure of the Psalm? Which verse marks where the change occurs?
- \circ $\;$ What does Asaph say makes the difference for him?
- According to verses 2-3, what is the temptation that Asaph is struggling with? Where does that temptation lead him?
- According to verses 4-12, what is the reason for Asaph's envy?
- Have you ever felt this way about circumstances in your life? When and Why?
- In verses 2-3, 15, 21-22, Asaph recognizes the danger of his envy.
 Who is or could be effected by his giving voice to or giving into the bitterness and frustration of his heart?
- Have you ever become frustrated, embittered, angry, or confused over the success and ease of those who are not walking with God? How have you dealt with that in your experience? In what ways is Asaph a good model for us in this Psalm?
- Where does Asaph turn to get a different perspective?
- What is meant by the sanctuary of God? Where do you go to meet with God? What is your sanctuary with God?
- \circ $\;$ What does Asaph discern about the wicked in the sanctuary of God?
- In verses 18-20, how does Asaph describe the wicked now? Who has placed them on a slippery place?
- \circ $\,$ Combining verses 2 and 18 what is the slippery place?
- Even though Asaph confesses his failure in verses 21-22, how does he describe God's response in verses 23-24? What kind of response does that prompt in Asaph?
- Verses 27-28 summarize the main focus of Asaph's Psalm. What is the conclusion that Asaph comes to and what is the purpose that comes out of it for him?
- Take some time to worship God and see how that changes your view on the circumstances and temptations you're facing today.