

GENESIS STUDY QUESTIONS

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Psalm 33 "A Song of Hope"

LEADER PREPARATION

Question to be pondered: *Why should I praise God?"*

The Big Idea: *God deserves our praise because He is our hope.*

Leaders: *This week's study is more devotional than Q&A. It will use the 4 elements of the 24/7 Project: READ, THINK, PRAY, DO. Please spend some time with Psalm 33 before you meet with your group. Encourage your group to explore this method of Bible reading/study. Use The 24/7 Project Reading Plan as a guide and for further explanation of ELEMENTS 1-4.*

Getting Started

Do you like to sing in the shower?

If your life were a song, what song would it be? Use a song title or make up your own. Share it with your group.

Digging Deeper

ELEMENT 1. READ

Read Psalm 33 aloud. Begin to think of how God is our hope.

Have each member read 1-2 verses.

Re-read this passage and write down 1-3 verses that you enjoy... or find difficult to understand... or speak to you... or are just interesting. Allow God to move His Words from your head to your heart. Share your response.

ELEMENT 2. THINK

Re-write or re-word the verses you chose in ELEMENT 1.

What is God saying in these verses?

How is He communicating that He is our hope?

Share if you are willing.

Application

ELEMENT 3. PRAY

Prayer and scripture connect us to the heart of God.

Based on the verses you've focused on, how might God ask you to respond to Him?

In what areas of your life do you need to praise God because He has been your hope?

Journal your conversation with God.

ELEMENT 4. DO

This final element takes what God has revealed to us through His Word and calls us to live it out in our lives.

What are you going to do differently today as a result of these words that have now been hidden in your heart?

Write your response here.

CHALLENGE!

God has given you a new song... one of hope. He is your help and your shield. He has delivered you from death and has provided for you in times of great need.

Read Psalm 40:1-3 everyday this week. Share it with someone else who could use some hope and a new song to sing.

*"I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD."*