

## A Song for the Discouraged

Songs of Summer – Psalm 73

July 22, 2018

Community Group Discussion Questions

### PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

### ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer one the following questions:
  - What pet peeves annoy you most?
  - What was the first movie you remember seeing at a theater?

### OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)

2. **As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?**
3. How have you dealt with issues that have caused you to question, doubt, or resist God?
4. Matt shared that "*Sometimes the difference between peace and trouble is having the right perspective.*"
  - How does that statement strike you?
  - What have you found helpful in shifting your perspective?
5. Matt shared that "*our attention drives our emotion.*"
  - What thoughts would say are most driving your emotions?

### DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

6. Read Psalm 73:1-15.
  - In what ways do you relate to what Asaph is feeling in these verses?
7. Read Psalm 73:16-28.
  - Which verses from this passage do you find most encouraging or challenging?

### APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

8. Which areas of your life do you find yourself most needing to shift your perspective? Be specific.
9. Based on Psalm 73:28, Matt encouraged us to do 3 things when we are discouraged.
  1. Get close to God.
  2. Make God your refuge.
  3. Tell of his deeds.
  - What would it look like for you to take one of these steps this week?