



All Is Well

Psalms Series

DISCUSSION What situations in our world and lives do you think most capture God's attention? In other words, when God looks at our world, what do you think He is most burdened for?

ENCOUNTER *read God's Word so that He can speak to you - Psalm 12*

EXPLORE HIS WORD *asking questions of what you saw.*

1) Read verses 1 and 8. Have you ever felt what David is expressing – that it seems no one else around you is seeking the Lord? Describe a time when you felt this way?

- How would you encourage a believer in Christ who feels this way?

2)

Read verses 2 and 3. Where in your world do you hear this kind of speech today?

- Lies or “empty talk”
- Flattery or “smooth talk”
- Deception or “double talk”

3)

Words can be used in an ungodly way for self-protection and self-promotion or in a godly way for mutual edification and God exaltation. Who is someone you know who uses his or her words in a godly way? Why does this person stand out to you?

4)

Read Luke 6:43-45. What does Jesus teach us in this passage about our words?

- If our words are a “heart issue” and not just a “behavior issue,” how should that change our approach to improving our communication?
- What might a first step be for someone who sincerely wants to communicate in a more Christ-like way?

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Read Romans 3:9-26. What judgment has God made concerning our words (vv. 13-24)? What provision has God made for our sin (vv. 21-26)? How should these realities keep us humble when we become discouraged by the sinful words around us?

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Read Psalm 12:5. What do you notice about God's response to David's cry for help? Does this seem like a fitting response? Why or why not?

7)

Read Psalm 12:6. How is God's Word described? How does God's Word compare with the word of the world described throughout the Psalm?

- How have you seen this description of God's Word true in your experience?

8)

What are some practical ways we can increase the encouraging influence of God's Word in our lives and decrease the discouraging influence of the ungodly words of this world? In other words, how can we "change the station" to God's Word and "turn up" the volume?

GOING FURTHER

One thing we can do to train ourselves to remember, is to memorize a part of what our Father has said to us. The Holy Spirit can use this to change our thinking to be more like Jesus.

THIS WEEK, MEMORIZE Psalm 12:6

Read Psalm 119:1-40. Write down and reflect on the many descriptions of God's Word.

Read James 3:1-12 and consider on how to better use your powerful words.

Listen to the song "A Better Word" by Bethany Barnard.