



SUMMER in the PSALMS

August 6, 2023

LIFE ON LEVEL GROUND

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

1

What is the psalmist asking for when he requests that the Lord “vindicate,” “prove,” and “test” (v.1-2) him? What circumstances does he appear to be facing?

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While we have ultimately been vindicated by the substitutionary atonement of Christ, this psalm can instruct the Christian believer in sanctification. What does it mean for a Christian to “walk in integrity” and to “walk in righteousness”? Why might we ask God to prove us and test us (cf. Ps. 139:23-24)?

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What is the relationship between the psalmist’s request for vindication and his claims that he does not consort with the wicked (v. 4-5)? In what way is he offering proof?

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What does it look like for a Christian today to separate from “men of falsehood,” “hypocrites,” and “evildoers” (cf. Ps. 1)?

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What elements of worship do we find in verses 6-7? How is thankfulness essential here?

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Have you had opportunities to share a testimony of “thanksgiving” for the Lord’s “wondrous deeds”? How does a thankful story impact a watching world?

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How does a love for “the habitation of your house” (v. 8) lead to a foot that “stands on level ground” (v. 12)?

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How do we cultivate a love for the house of the Lord? What role does the local church, both a body of believers and a physical space, play in our Christian walk?

