



Oakwood

CHURCH

April 4 Discussion Questions “Forever in Christ” Psalm 16

Preview

In the LORD

1. We are **Secure** (v. 1,8,10)

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Acts 2:21

2. We are **Connected** (v. 3,4)

“The promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” Acts 2:39

3. We are **Joyful** (v. 2,5,6,9,11)

“Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.” Acts 2:33

4. **Forever** (v. 11)

“Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be

baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:37-38

Connect

1. What was your favorite part of your Easter weekend?
2. How did God speak to you through the Good Friday and Easter services or through His Word?

Pray & Read Psalm 16

Discuss & Apply

3. How does David express his security in the Lord throughout this psalm?
4. In what way does God promise to hold us secure in this world?
5. In what areas do you lack security? How can the promise of Jesus' security bring encouragement, hope, and strength?
6. As king of Israel, who were David's "excellent ones," in whom was all his delight? In what way is your community group the "excellent ones" in your life? Why are you thankful for them?
7. How connected are you to the body of Christ? Do you feel a need to be more connected? Is it feasible in your season of life? Do you need to give something up to make room for it?
8. What multiplies in the life of those who run after another god? (see v.4) Why is this the case? Even for you as a Christian, share your experience with this. What has God taught you? What are you still learning?
9. How does David express his joy in the Lord throughout this psalm?
10. Reread v.2. What good things in your life compete with God's goodness? When do you know it becomes a problem? (see Matthew 6:24)
11. Read Number 18:20-24. How does this shed light on David's statement that the Lord is his portion in Psalm 16:5?
12. If the Lord is to be your portion in this life, what things would you desire less? In what ways would you learn to trust Him more?
13. How can a believer experience rich and deep joy in the Lord even in the midst of earthly heartache and hardships? How can joy strengthen us? (see Nehemiah 8:10)
14. Are you a joyful Christ-follower? Do you need a fresh intake of God's joy today?
15. How does this psalm lead you to worship Jesus?

Prayer

Spend time asking God for greater joy in Him, for less competition between good things and His goodness, and for Him to be our sole portion in this life.