

3. Psalm 16

The Never-Ending King

Personal Preparation

It's helpful if you can work through the preparation questions before your group meets each week.

Introduction...

David was the greatest King the nation of Israel ever had. While his life wasn't always easy, under his reign, Israel prospered and showed signs of fulfilling the promises that God had made to the patriarch Abraham.

And while David himself wasn't perfect, there can be no doubt that he was head and shoulders above Saul, and the Kings who came after him. Yet when you read Psalm 16, you can't help but ask the question – isn't David expecting just a little too much?

He begins this Psalm with what looks like a humble request for God to keep him safe (v.1), but ends on a supreme note of confidence. Before we jump to David's huge expectations, let's take a look at why he's so confident.

Read Psalm 16

2. What's David's reason for asking God to keep him safe (v.1)?
3. What are David's words and actions in the following verses that show he takes refuge in God?
 - v.2 –
 - v.3 –
 - v.4 –
 - v.7 –
 - v.8 –
4. How has God responded to David during his lifetime?
 - v.5 –
 - v.6 –
5. What conclusion does David come to with all this evidence (v.9)?
6. Why (v.10-11)?

Think it through...

Do you think David was being too confident or presumptuous? Is there anything in his life (or death!) that helps us answer this?

Growth Group Discussion 3

Welcome to week 3 of your growth group! Hopefully, by now you're in the routine of working through the personal preparation section beforehand – just five minutes with God's word each day is all it would take. It's a good discipline to get into.

a) We left the Psalm with the question, "Was David expecting too much?" What do you think?

Discussion

b) **Read Psalm 16.** Do you have any overall observations or questions from your reading of the Psalm?

c) From this Psalm, what is the basis of David's confidence? Any evidence?

d) What do you make of his astounding claims in vv.9-11, considering that David –like all of us - finally died? (See 1 Kings 2:10-11) How do you think this would have been understood by the Jews?

e) **Read Acts 2:22-36.** Peter the apostle is speaking to the Jews at Pentecost, and he quotes directly from Psalm 16. Who does he say David is speaking about?



f) In Peter's mind, what does the RESURRECTION prove about Jesus.

g) What does Peter say the implications of this Psalm are for the world?

h) In verse 36, Peter concludes: the fact that Jesus rose from the dead never to see decay means simply that he is the long awaited 'Lord and Christ.' How do the people react in verses 37-38?

It's easy to draw HOPE from the resurrection of Jesus. After all – now we can say the words of David's Psalm with new confidence. But in Peter's mind, the resurrection is meant to push us down on our knees, repenting and finding forgiveness for our sins. The resurrection marks out the fact that Jesus is the King that David could NEVER BE.

i) What would you need to change if you were going to become more submissive to The King?

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<p>Coming Up...</p> <p>Fri 29 Feb – John Chapman Senior Lunch – Making the most of the rest of your Life. Sun 2 Mar – John Chapman preaching.</p>		<p>For Prayer...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank God that because Jesus was raised from the dead, we have hope. - Pray that our lives would reflect the new world order – that Jesus is both Lord & Christ. 	