

SMALL GROUP/E-GROUP LESSON NO. 14

Sermon Series : “PONDERING ON THE PSALMS”

Message Title : “REDEEMED: LIVING A LIFE OF GIVING THANKS TO THE LORD!”

Message Text : Psalm 107

BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION:

Psalm 107 is a prayer of thanksgiving that exalts the faithful love and goodness of the Lord to His people. It narrates to us the powerful and gracious interventions of the Lord in the life of His people, Israel.

A. PASS YOUR STORY! (WELCOME)

- 1) Complete the sentence – “I GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD TODAY/THIS WEEK BECAUSE...”

B. PONDER THE PSALM! (WORD TIME)

- 1) Read Psalm 107 creatively.
- 2) What is the psalmist telling/exhorting the people to do in vv. 1, 8, 15, 21, 31? Ask someone to read the verses.
- 3) Who are these “redeemed” of the Lord? Where did the Lord redeemed & gathered them? [See verse 2-3, from all corners of the earth & probably from the Babylonian captivity according to context]
- 4) According to the Psalmist, who specifically were these “redeemed” by the Lord & what did the Lord do for them? [a. The Lord rescued, led, & fed the wanderers! vv. 4-9, b. The Lord broke the chains & set the prisoners free! c. The Lord sent the word & healed the ailing or sick!, and d. The Lord stilled the storm & guided to safety the sailors/voyagers!]
- 5) According to the psalmist, in vv. 32-35, the Lord can turn rivers into deserts, flowing springs into thirsty ground, fruitful land into salt waste, desert into pools of water, & parched land into flowing springs. What does it tell us about this God of the redeemed?
- 6) According to the Psalmist, these “redeemed” of the Lord were those who believed & trusted the Lord & His promise as represented by Abraham (Gen. 15:5), who are the “redeemed” of the Lord now according to Apostle Peter? (1 Peter 1:17-18). How sure are you that you are one of these people?
- 7) According to the Psalmist, why is it important to live a life of giving

thanks to the Lord in verse 43?

- 8) Do you need a “turnaround” from the Lord in your life today? Is there a specific “desert” or “parched land” (negative thing) in your life right now that you want God to intervene and change.
[TIP: Wait for the Holy Spirit to touch your members and share their story. Use also this time to challenge those who have not yet received Christ to place their trust in Him. Use also this time to transition the meeting to Worship.]

C. PRAISE & WORSHIP THE LORD! (PRAYER TIME)

- 1) Ask each one to pray a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for WHO HE IS & HIS WONDROUS WORKS for His people!
- 2) Pray for one another’s needs.

D. PASS THE STORY TO OTHERS! (WITNESS/VISION TIME)

- 1) Share the “**3-I VISION**” – Identify, Intercede & Invest!
- 2) Talk and discuss about your evangelistic plans and activities in the future. Talk and discuss how you can invite more guests into your group.