

## Study Guide- Sunday July 20th, 2014

The purpose of this study guide is to be a tool for ABF's/small groups to follow the sermon series. Feel free to expand and facilitate discussion based on what's best for your group. Our hope is that groups will use this guide to respond to what they've heard and apply it for life.

Sunday Carlos will be talking about this main idea: "Our view of God determines our view OF life and our values IN life."

- How did God speak to you through the message Sunday?

### God as ... - Psalm 24

Read Psalm 24. As we read through this text, we get three main ideas. 1) God as creator and owner of everything, 2) Those who can be in God's presence, and 3) A call to worship the King of glory!

- Context:
  - Most believe that David wrote this song around the time that the ark of the covenant was brought into Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:1-19). You may want to read this chapter in 2 Samuel to provide more context and create a picture of what was taking place.
- After reading verses 1-3 of Psalm 24, what do we observe about who God is?
  - When we know God as Creator, Owner of everything and that He is holy, how does that change the way we view God?
  - How does it change the way we view ourselves?
  - When we have an incorrect view of God and ourselves, how can that effect the way we live?
- Read verses 3-6
  - What do we observe in these verses relating to the context and when it was written?
    - Holy hill refers to Zion and Jerusalem. Holy place refers to the ark and tent, tabernacle or temple (the place that God dwells).
    - Think back to God's law pertaining to the tabernacle and those set apart who could be in the presence of God. These verses point to God's glorious standard and His holiness and how He is above all created things.
  - How do these verses relate to us today?
    - According to these verses, what type of person can be in the presence of God? It speaks of mankind and that only those with clean hands and a pure heart can stand in His holy place.
  - What truth applies today about God's holiness and man's ability to be in the presence of God?

- How does this text point us to Jesus? Is the gospel anticipated or foreshadowed in some way in this passage?
  - How does the text change your view of life? Is there some attitude that needs to change because of this passage?
- Read verses 7-10.
  - Why do you think David wrote these verses? What was significant about what he wrote and what was happening during this time?
    - The ark signified God and His presence being in Jerusalem with the house of Jacob (Israel).
  - According to these verses, how many times is 'the King of glory' mentioned?
  - According to these verses, who is the King of glory? (don't answer God :)
  - Why is this significant for Israel during this time?
- How have you seen God's might and glory change or effect your life?
- Read verse 9, how does this verse apply to our lives today?
  - What does this verse call us to do? What areas of your life do you need to surrender to the 'King of glory?' (or allow Him to come in).

### Sermon Notes/Additional Questions