



TEXT: Psalm 73

IDEA: We need to turn our focus from our circumstances to God

1. Asaph, a worship leader for King David, struggled to make sense of life when things were hard. How does his honesty with his struggles and journey here give you hope?
2. We all “focus” on things each day. What have you been focusing on lately? How has that focus helped or hurt you?
3. Read **verse 1**. Asaph thought about the goodness of God.
 - a. How would you define the attribute (characteristic) of God’s goodness?
 - b. Read **Psalm 34 : 8**. How have you personally experienced the goodness of God?
4. Read **verses 16 - 17**. Asaph paused to praise God.
 - a. Why is it wearisome if we focus on circumstances and the uncertainties of life?
 - b. Why is it important to go to God at times just to praise Him, not to ask for things?
 - c. How does praising God for who He is change us?
5. Read **verses 23 - 26**. Asaph pursued experiencing more of God’s presence.
 - a. Read **John 10 : 27 - 29**. How does it help you to know that God is holding you?
 - b. How does God guide us with His counsel?
 - c. How does focusing on the hope of eternity help us walk through trials now?
6. Read **verse 28**. Asaph wanted to tell others how great God is.
 - a. What other believer can you seek to encourage this week?
 - b. What non-believer can you pray for now and reach out to this week?
 - c. How in this pandemic situation can we take wise precautions, follow the government’s recommendations, yet still remain outward focused to minister to others and share the hope of Christ with others?