



THE PSALMS

Experiencing God through the songs of his people.



REMEMBER AND HONOR (Psalm 124) HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE

I've always been impressed by the solemn, magnificent simplicity of the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. The carefully choreographed event is a moving tribute to soldiers whose names—and sacrifice—are “known but to God.” Equally moving are the private moments of steady pacing when the crowds are gone: back and forth, hour after hour, day by day, in even the worst weather.

Underlying Jesus's teaching is His desire for us to live with an unrelenting, selfless devotion to Him. The Bible calls us to good deeds and holy living, but these are to be acts of worship and obedience, not orchestrated acts for self-glorification. The apostle Paul endorses this whole-life faithfulness when he pleads with us to make our bodies “a living sacrifice”

CONVERSATION STARTER -

Do you have any family members who have served or are currently serving in the military? How have they served? Where you a member of the military? Share about your service.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Please read aloud Psalm 124.

Pastor Jason said “**We remember and honor God when we thank Him for deliverance past and present.**” What pattern of sin do you believe God has delivered you from? In what ways do you feel you need deliverance now?

VS 1-5 – We remember and honor God because he rescues us. “*Then the flood would have swept us away...*” Was there a time where you felt like you were being swept away by life and God rescued you?

VS 6-8 – We remember and honor God because he redeems us. Redemption provides a picture of the gospel – we were slaves to sin and Satan, Jesus died to pay the ransom price and redeem us, and now we are free in Christ. How does the “redemption” picture help you understand the meaning of the cross? Why do you think free people return to measures of bondage? How would you counsel someone who is struggling with this?

MAKING IT REAL

The Jews had Passover in the spring to remind them each year of God's great redemption. What kind of memorials do you have in your life that remind you to praise for God for redemption?

How does it change your perception of the church to think of it as a redeemed community? How should such a community respond to broken and sinful people that don't know about redemption yet?