

WRITE IT DOWN!

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LISTEN UP!

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“The Setting”
I Samuel 21:10-15

“The Song”
Psalm 34:1-10

A call to _____ the LORD. v. 1-3

A call to _____ the LORD. v. 4-6

D_____ is one of the themes of this psalm.

A call to _____ the LORD. v.7-10

F_____ the LORD & you will have nothing else to f_____!!!

Our LORD is intrinsically good!!!

“The Sermon”
Psalm 34:11-22

A call to _____ the LORD. v. 11-14

The LORD is good. He...
...sees (v.15)

...hears (v.15,17)

...is near (v. 18, Psalm 73:28)

...saves (v. 18, Psalm 51:17, Isaiah 66:1-2)

...delivers (v. 19)

...redeems (v. 22, Philippians 1:21, Psalm 116:15)

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read I Samuel 21:10-15 to see what prompted this psalm. If you were David at this point, would you have written a psalm praising God for deliverance, or one congratulating yourself for a clever ploy?
2. What does this passage teach you about corporate worship?
3. What is the significance of the LORD's goodness to those that fear Him?
4. What are the two types of fear in this psalm? What does it mean to "fear the LORD"?
5. What contrasts do you see in verses 21 and 22?
6. Where do you see the Gospel message in this psalm?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What are your tendencies when you hit "rock bottom"? What insights does this psalm give you to not be so discouraged in tough times?
2. Read the "song" verses of Psalm 43 (1-10), making it your own song to your LORD.
3. List the specific blessings you have received as goodness from the LORD?
4. How does the Christian life "taste" to you right now? Sweet? Sour? Spicy? Salty? Bitter? Bland? WHY?
5. What about the "sermon" verses do you need to take to heart right now?
6. Which of the "calls" of this psalm are the toughest and which are the biggest blessings to you right now?