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## STORY

### SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

### WEEK 16 A Royal Psalm

#### BEFORE THE SESSION:

- Look over the suggested questions to the right. Ask God to guide you to the ones that will work best for your group.
- Be prepared to get the discussion going in your group if they're not feeling it today.
- Don't feel like you have to know all there is to know about scripture. Use this week's study notes to prepare yourself. But, if something arises that you can't answer, tell your group, "That's a great question. I'll research that and get back with you." Then, email eddie.mosley@lifepointchurch.org for help.

#### THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Because God saved us from our sin, we should live lives of obedience and gratitude.

#### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:

Plan a Super Bowl party for your group. It's a terrific opportunity to invite unbelieving friends to join your group. Before you leave today, talk about your plans. Who's going to bring the food? What time will you gather? What will you do with the kids?

If we can help you as you plan, let us know. Contact Charity.Smith@lifepointchurch.org.

Have a great time!

## CONNECT

(10 min.)

Choose one or both of the following questions to begin your time together as a group.

1. **How did you picture what God looked like when you were a child? Why do you think you saw him this way?**
2. **What image do you see when you picture God today? Why?**

## EXPLORE

(40 min.)

Say something like, "Today we are learning about David's gratitude to God for delivering him from his enemies." Then guide your group through these questions.

3. **If you were in worship this week, what statement or experience stood out to you? What stood out during last week's reading?**

**(Leader:** Take some time to discuss any questions that may have arisen as your members read through this week's assigned reading.)

4. **Read Psalm 18:6-15. How did God react to David's cry for help? Why do you think God reacted this way to David's plea?**
5. **Read Psalm 18:20-22. What were David's reasons for his rescue?**
6. **Read Psalm 18:25-35. David uses many descriptions for God based on his experiences. Which of these descriptions could you use for God based on your own experiences?**
7. **Which of these descriptions does someone you're investing in right now need to hear? Why is that? What are some ways you can help him learn these qualities of God?**
8. **You may not have anyone trying to kill you like David did, but we all have an enemy (Satan) who is trying to kill and destroy us (John 10:10). Describe a time that this enemy has attempted to destroy you or your family in the past? What did you do? What did God do? What did you learn?**

## TRANSFORM

(10 min.)

Say something like, "Today we've seen how, like David, we should be thankful for our deliverance from sin". Then wrap up your time by asking the following question and praying together.

9. **What did you learn about God from our discussion? About people? What will you do with what you learned?**

# This Week's Study Notes:

## Scripture Notes

### Psalm 18:4-6

David penned this psalm when King Saul's army was closing in. Much of its content, with a few variations, is also quoted in 2 Samuel 22.

### Psalm 18:10-14

darkness ... clouds ... thunder ... lightning. These strong images depict God's use of force to guard His holiness. (See also Ezekiel 1:4.)

### Psalm 18:25-35

David offers a catalog of the attributes of God's character: faithful, blameless (25); pure, shrewd (26); rescuer, humbler (27); light-bringer (28); perfect, pure, a shield (30); a rock (31); strength (32); security (33); trainer (34); protector (35).

## Leader Tips

### AS YOU READ THIS WEEK...

- Think about and pray for each member of your small group.
- Think through the following questions:
  1. Whom does God bring to mind as I read these verses? Why?
  2. What needs to change in my own life as a result of what I'm reading?
  3. Whom do I need to tell about these verses?

### FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY WE RECOMMEND...

- Bible Commentary: [Bible.org](http://Bible.org)
- Bible Commentary: [DesiringGod.org](http://DesiringGod.org)
- Pronouncing Biblical Words: [Netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm](http://Netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm)

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