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Sunday, January 13, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Knute Larson

Part 2 | **Pain: Our Confusion**

Psalm 73

Life brings many questions

Psalm 73:1-14; Job 22:13

✓ ***Why do the wicked prosper?***

Psalm 73:3-12; Psalm 5:5; Psalm 75:4

✓ ***Why do the righteous suffer?***

Psalm 73:13,14; 2 Corinthians 12:7; 2 Corinthians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:6,7

only God can answer

Psalm 73:15-17; Psalm 20:2; Psalm 37:38; Job 42:1-6

and He tells the future.

Psalm 73:18-27; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

✓ *the wicked*

-their present

Psalm 73:18,20; Ephesians 4:17-19

-their future

Psalm 73:18,19,27; 2 Thessalonians 1:8

✓ *the righteous*

-their present

Psalm 73:23-26; Matthew 28:28; John 15; Ephesians 2:1-10

-their future

Psalm 73:23-26; Ephesians 1:9,10



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a

Getting Started

1. Why are the unrighteous often successful? Why is pain confusing? Is doubt a sin?
2. **Read Psalm 73:1-28.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

3. After reading how Asaph felt, relate to the group when you felt like, “Why does God treat everyone else better than He treats me?” or “Why do evil people get away with their sin?”
4. Look through Psalm 73:1-22. Make a list of “ingredients” which help make up Asaph’s despondency (Hint: vs. 3, 15, 21, 22).
5. How is this Psalm similar to Psalm 73? What were some of the struggles David was experiencing?
6. Where did Asaph find his answers? Where do we get help? Is it always as clear as can be?
7. What makes the difference in how Asaph (and we) view life according to verses 25-26?
8. Have several in your group look at Psalm 73:17-28 and others look at Psalm 13:3-6. What did Asaph and David find to be the path back to communion (and trust) in God.
9. In verse 17 Asaph had a “sanctuary experience.” Describe a “sanctuary experience” that you’ve had in life.

Up Close

10. The answers for now: What is the present predicament of the unbelievers? The future eternity?
 11. What is the present strength for the faithful? The future eternity?
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*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Psalm 73:21-28 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

21 When my **soul** was **embittered**, when I was **pricked** in **heart**, 22 I was **brutish** and **ignorant**; I was **like** a **beast** toward you. 23 **Nevertheless**, I am **continually** with you; you **hold** my **right hand**. 24 You **guide** me with your **counsel**, and **afterward** you will **receive** me to **glory**. 25

Whom have I in **heaven** but you? And **there** is **nothing** on **earth** that I **desire** **besides** you. 26 My **flesh** and my **heart** may **fail**, but God is the **strength** of my **heart** and my **portion** **forever**. 27

For **behold**, those who are far from you shall **perish**; you put an end to **everyone** who is unfaithful to you. 28

But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord **GOD** my refuge. that I

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