

# Sermon Study Guide



## When Life Does Not Make Sense

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### Reflect

There are things in life that are difficult to understand. Many times, life does not go the way you want or expect it to go, and you can't make sense of it. At such times, it is important to know and be prepared to continue to trust in the Lord during. What is it in your life that you think doesn't make sense? Why do you think so?

### Read and Discuss

#### Scripture

Psalm 73

#### Discussion Questions

Psalm 73 records the journey of Asaph, a Levite assigned by King David to be the music leader in the temple of God, from believing God's goodness to doubting God's goodness, then back to affirming God's goodness. What did Asaph do? How can you trust God and praise Him when you go through difficult and painful times, when life does not seem to make sense?

1. **Resist focusing on external circumstances (v. 1-12).** What were the contrasting feelings that Asaph mentioned in verses 1 and 2? What was the root source of why he felt this way (v. 3)? Have you had the same questions or feelings that Asaph had? Why would focusing on the temporary material prosperity of those who don't follow the Lord lead you to envy and doubt God's goodness? How could you resist focusing on the external circumstances in life, but in God's character instead?
2. **Run to God (v. 13-20).** What was Asaph struggling with in verse 13? How was his expectation while serving the Lord not met? What are your personal struggles as you follow the Lord? Why would some Christians think that it's more difficult to follow God than to not care about Him? What was the turning point for Asaph in verse 17? Share an experience of how

running to God turned you around, changed you, and you started to see things from His perspective.

3. **Rely on God's guidance (v. 21-24).** What was the real issue why Asaph doubted God's goodness? What could possibly happen when you forget God, and focus on your own selfish desires instead of focusing on Him? How can you avoid going on this path? How does God's unconditional love toward you keep you going in the right direction instead of staying away from Him? Share how you can tell that God guides you even when you go through the difficult moments of life.
4. **Reaffirm God's purposes in your life (v. 25-28).** What was Asaph's attitude after realizing God's goodness in his life? Do you have satisfaction and joy in your life? What are the things that you have and are grateful for that you won't exchange with the material things of this world? How is worship, trust, and declaring of God's work to others being manifested in your Christian life?

### Respond

**In Walk:** Like Asaph, you might be in a season of doubt, of giving up, falling away or quitting, because life is just too difficult for you. But don't lose hope. Be encouraged that as long as God is there, there is hope. Is there anything that doesn't make sense to you right now? How can you turn yourself around to see the character of God and see life from the perspective of eternity?

**In Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I must admit that there are many things in this life that don't make sense to me. But thank You for being constant in my life, and even if I don't understand everything, I can be assured that You are there with me. Help me to trust You always, worship You and declare You to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.