



LEADER LESSON

PSALM 73:2-3 , 16-17



LEADER TEACHING TIP

A few days before you teach this lesson, text all the students in your group and instruct them to:

- Look up the key verses and read them 3 times before coming to small group.
- Write down what they think the 3 most important words (only 3, no more) are in these verses and be ready to share them.

INTRODUCTION (15 MINUTES)

Pray

Open your time together in prayer.

Checkpoint

Did you take time to journal about the three storms in your life and reflect on how God was present in each one?

Video

To view the engage video, please see the instructions stored on the back of the TV in your room. has context menu.

READ PSALM 73:2-3, 16-17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (30 minutes)

Observation, Interpretation, and Application

1. Why does the Psalmist envy arrogant and wicked people?
Because they are successful (prosperous). (v3)
2. What does it mean that the Psalmist “almost slipped” or “nearly lost his foothold” in verse 2?
The Psalmist admits that it was hard to keep living for God when people far from God seemed to be doing better than him.
3. Make a list on the whiteboard of all the causes and consequences of envy your group can think of.
4. What changed Asaph’s outlook?
He went to the sanctuary of God. (v17)
5. Why was the Psalmist deeply troubled until he understood the final destiny of the wicked?
He shifted his focus to God instead of fairness. He found rest and joy in knowing God is perfectly just.
6. How will knowing that the wicked will be punished one day change the way you live?
7. Is it only the wicked that will be judged for what they’ve done?

Checkpoint Challenge

1. As we wrap up this RUSH year take some time to reflect on your Spiritual growth or whether you've accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior. If not, what's holding you back? If you have asked Jesus to be your savior, ask God to break your heart for those who are lost and caught up in worldly success. Pray for them and ask God to show you ways you can share His love with them.
2. **Summer Challenge:** Over the summer, commit to praying for at least one friend or family member who doesn't know Jesus. Look for opportunities to share your faith or show God's love through acts of kindness. Keep a journal of how God uses you and how He answers your prayers throughout the summer months so you can come back in the fall and share how God has grown you!

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA/SUGGESTION (10 minutes)

Split up into clusters and every student share 1 praise & 1 prayer request and the student on the right prays over them.

DIVE DEEPER (RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO DIVE DEEPER AFTER TONIGHT)

Cross References

Where is God
when times are
tough or unfair?

Romans 5:3-5

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

In the end, what
do our earthly
accomplishments
get us?

Proverbs 11:4, 18

God will set things
right.

Daniel 12:1-3

John 16:33