



SERMON PREP GUIDE

January 20, 2019

READING GOD'S WORD

Matthew 6:13; Psalm 7:1-11

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. Jesus teaches the crowds during His sermon on the mount to ask what two things of our Father in heaven in verse 13?
2. In what verses of Psalm 7 does King David address justice? What is the meaning of "justice?"
3. Where does David focus on righteousness in this text? What is its meaning? Who does he refer to when he uses the repetition of righteous and righteousness?
4. David describes God as a righteous judge in which verse? How does God's deliverance from evil correlate with His justice and righteousness?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. Jesus prays against temptation in Matthew 6:13. Is He implying that God can lead us into temptation? [Interpret Scripture with Scripture by reading James 1:13-15]
2. The apostle Paul charges Timothy to flee temptation ("youthful passions") and instead pursue what things found in 2 Timothy 2:22?
3. Are there temptations that you need to flee? What part does Christian community play in helping us to flee temptations?
4. David expresses in Psalm 7 how the LORD will judge the peoples - the wicked will come to an end but He will establish the righteous. Since righteousness is only imputed through Christ, who do you know that is not in Christ and needs to hear of His mercy and grace?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

- » Holy Spirit, reveal the temptations that lure us away from You, as our righteous God, so that we may flee.
- » Thank You, Father, for delivering us from evil both in the present age and in the age to come
- » Sober us, Lord, as we contemplate the foreseeable future: You will judge the peoples. Burden us for those that are not yet found righteous in Christ.
- » Praise You, God, for You are holy and just; justified in Your Words and blameless in Your judgment.