

GROWTH GUIDE

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CHRISTMAS SONGS
SONG OF LOVE | PSALM 103
FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Lord responds to me showing steadfast love. Psalm 103:1-5
2. The Lord forgives me with steadfast love. Psalm 103:6-14
3. The Lord reigns over me with steadfast love. Psalm 103:15-22

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, what was something that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or you have questions about?
2. Talk about some other passages of Scripture that remind you of God's steadfast love and why that particular passage speaks to you.
3. Share a bigger example of God's steadfast love have you personally seen in your life. Something you could look back on when times are tough or when you are doubting and say, I know God is loving because I remember this.
4. In the midst of today's challenges and tribulations, it's easy to forget those ways we've already seen God work and move personally in our life. What sort of rhythms and routines can you build into your regular schedule to remind you of God's personal, past faithfulness to you?
5. Pastor Dave discussed two prevalent but incorrect responses to God's word in His message: 1. I follow the commands of God to earn the steadfast love of God. 2. God has shown His favor to me therefore I don't need to pay attention to God's commands. Which response are you most inclined to, one of these two, or is there a third one you would say most accurately describes your response?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How are you doing at asking God for forgiveness and accepting the forgiveness that He offers? Is there anywhere in your life you're burdened by guilt for something that has already been forgiven?
2. Share about some of your holiday plans and traditions. How in the midst of the busy season are you keeping Christ at the center? If after reflecting you think, *well I'm not really*, what could your family be doing or what ideas did you get from others' sharing that you'd like to incorporate?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for His steadfast love in the form of coming down as a baby to save us.
2. Pray that we would see His steadfast love not just in the good things and the blessings, but in the trials, and His commands, etc.
3. Ask God to help us remember the full meaning of Christmas this week as we celebrate.