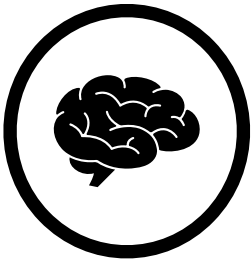


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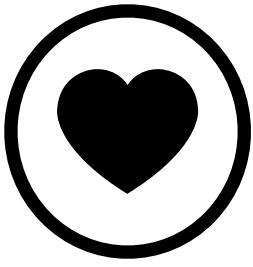
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Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. What do you think are the main points of this Psalm?
2. What theme does the first three verses introduce?
3. There is a definite cycle throughout the Psalm. Bullet point the 4 stages of this cycle?
4. What do you think each stage teaches us about humankind, the Lord and prayer?
5. Verses 33-42 are different from the rest of the Psalm. What do you think these verses are communicating to God's people?
6. What is the Psalmist calling us to heed in verse 43?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu described the different groups of people in vs.4-9, 10-16, 17-22 and 23-32. How would you describe each of these groups?
2. Group 2 and 3 are imprisoned and afflicted because of their own folly and sin. What does this say about the judgement of God?
3. In all cases God responded to the prayers of the people. What does this tell us about the nature and character of God?
4. Look up verse 8, 15, 21 and 31 in different translations. What other words are used for 'unfailing love' (NIV)? What difference nuance does each translation bring?
5. Stu suggested that the plight of each group could be down to their prayerlessness. Would you agree? Why / why not?
6. What do you think is the effect of prayerlessness in our lives (compare James 4:2c and Luke 22:40b)



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. How can we minister to people who find themselves wandering, imprisoned, sick or overwhelmed today?
2. How can we allow the Psalm to encourage us in our prayer?

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response