

NOTES

MAY 15 & 16, 2021
GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY
PSALM 11

Introduction:

1. Look _____!

Personal _____

Crumbling _____

2. Look _____!

3. Look _____!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

- 1) Describe a high and a low from this past week of your life. From what you know about the book of Psalms, why do you think believers often turn to it when they are discouraged?
- 2) It's been said that God's sovereignty means he's "large and in charge." Explain that definition more fully.
- 3) Read Psalm 11:1-3. Describe a situation in your life--current or recent past--that you wish you could run away from. What are some of the ways that people try to "flee" from their problems? What escape route do you tend to overuse?
- 4) Describe some "foundations" that seem to be crumbling in our culture today. (Please avoid political issues, since not all Christ followers may agree with your perspective.) Why does it often feel like there's nothing that can be done about crumbling foundations? (v. 3 "What can the righteous do?")
- 5) Read Psalm 11:4-6. What do theologians mean by God's immanence/transcendence? Explain how the first two lines of v.4 describe these two attributes of God.
- 6) Read Psalm 139:23, 24. Why does David welcome God's examination of his life? How might you put these verses into practice in your life? How would this practice help you in troubling situations?
- 7) What does David say in Psalm 11:5b, 6 will happen to the wicked? How can God both love and hate the wicked at the same time? How does Psalm 11:5b, 6 help you deal with personal foes and crumbling foundations?
- 8) Read Psalm 11:7. Why do you think God does not dispense his justice immediately in the situations we face? What would he want us to do as we wait for it?
- 9) Read I John 3:2, 3. Why do you think that looking ahead to the day when we'll see Jesus face to face would transform our lives in the present? What practices might help us regularly look ahead?