



November 29, 2020

SONG OF FAITH

The table has become the centerpiece of our Thanksgiving celebration, and for good reason. Not only does the table (and the food on it) represent God's provision, but scientists have discovered that the human mind attaches significant memories to the sense of smell and taste. As you eat, you are literally rehearsing memories associated with those tastes and smells. Remembering God's faithfulness in the past is an antidote to fear of the future and helps build our faith. Join us for the final message in the Psalms of Thanksgiving series where we will consider Psalm 34 as we taste and see that the Lord is good.

Giving thanks helps us overcome \_\_\_\_\_ and live by \_\_\_\_\_

## DAVID'S "THANKSGIVING" TABLES:

- Jesse's Table (1 Samuel 16)
  - ... a table of \_\_\_\_\_ , but David learned that God \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Saul's Table (1 Samuel 20)
  - ... a table of \_\_\_\_\_ , but David learned that God is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The Priest's Table (1 Samuel 21)
  - ... a table of \_\_\_\_\_ , but David learned that God \_\_\_\_\_ .
- David's Table (1 Samuel 21)
  - ... a table of \_\_\_\_\_ , because David learned that God is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The Lord's Table (Psalm 23)
  - ... a table of \_\_\_\_\_ , where David learned that God is \_\_\_\_\_ .

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

## HANGOUT [WARMING UP TO THE TOPIC]:

1. Can you recall a time when you heard someone share how God rescued or delivered them? Why does that story stand out in your mind? What impact did it have on your faith journey?

## HEAR [LISTENING TO GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE]:

2. Read Psalm 34:1-8.

- Verse 1 contains the words "at all times" and "continually". Why might these words be problematic when we think about praising God and giving Him thanks? (see 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- The Psalmist invites others to "magnify the Lord with me." How comfortable are you sharing what God has done for you as a way of sharing your faith in Christ with others?
- Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. What does this tell us about how God uses our trials and afflictions?
- What does it mean to "taste and see that the Lord is good"? How does this relate to Jesus' frequent invitation to "come and see"?

3. Read Psalm 34:9-16.

- What does it mean to "fear the Lord"? What are the positive results of fearing the Lord?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:7. How does this idea line up with what the Psalmist says?
- How does "fearing" God fit into your own testimony?

4. Read Psalm 34:17-22.

- Read John 19:31-36. John cites Psalm 34:20 in this passage. What does this tell you about how the early Christians read the book of Psalms? What else in this Psalm draws your attention to Jesus?
- What assurance does the Psalmist give in these verses?
- Are any of these verses especially meaningful to you right now? Why?

## HUDDLE [MAKING IT PERSONAL AND PRAYING TOGETHER - IN HUDDLES]:

5. Take time for each member in your huddle to share a word of personal testimony and praise. Ask if and how each member is using their personal testimony to share their faith with others. Invite accountability and pray together.