

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Psalm 34

This psalm is written in response to the events of Samuel 21:1-22:5 when David feigned madness before Abimelech, who drove him away. Read the passage for context.

1. List the specific words and phrases in vs. 1-10 that express David's feelings for God. What are these feelings and in what ways do they/don't they reflect your experience of God?
2. List the specifics of David's counsel in vs. 11-14. Define in your own words what "fear of the Lord" is. Why does David begin his advice with this admonition?
3. What confidence (shown in vs. 15-22) does David show in God in the midst of trouble? In what specific ways has God been a strength to you in the midst of trouble?
4. Based on vs. 11-22, write your own description of a righteous person. Pick one characteristic that especially pleases you. What one step can you take this week to make that quality part of your life?
5. Although Psalm 34 celebrates God's protection, nowhere in the psalm does David guarantee that the righteous person will have a trouble-free life. What assurances does the psalm make that God will comfort the righteous in the midst of their pain? How have you experienced that comfort in your own life? Write out a short prayer praising God for that deliverance.