
Date: August 14, 2022 **Message:** Dealing with Our Doubts
Series: Summer in the Psalms **Scripture:** Psalm 73

Crisis of doubt:

Source of doubt:

Finding hope in the midst of doubt:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Psalm 73

1. Has there ever been a time when you struggled with doubt about your faith? What do you remember about that experience? What was helpful or unhelpful to you?
2. Do you feel that it is ever okay to have doubts about God or about your faith? Why or why not? Why do you think it's so difficult for many people of faith to admit to having doubts?
3. Psalm 73:1 states, "Surely God is good to Israel (God's people), to those who are pure in heart." What are some different reasons why it is difficult for some to hold onto the belief that God is as good as this verse describes?
4. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to envy others? What role does envy play in our doubts?
5. What was it that brought about the psalmist's change of perspective?
6. Do you feel that it is possible for a person to experience the goodness and nearness of God when they're feeling embittered and grieved and helpless, like Asaph in this psalm? Why or why not?
7. Some people claim that God will give us material blessings if we just have enough faith. How does Psalm 73 speak to this error?
8. Based on Psalm 73, what counsel would you give to someone who is struggling with envy? Who is doubting that God is good to them? Who wants to make God more of their refuge and strength?