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7) Reflecting on David's psalm, in what ways do you want to be like David? (Try to come up with at least three)

8) Why do you think David is so comfortable to come to God, despite his knowledge and fear of the Lord?

TAKING IT HOME

9) This week Jarrod showed how we have all been saved by God to also be used by God. You are still here for that purpose! In what ways do think God wants to use you among your family/friends/coworkers/church/etc?

10) **(For personal study only)** Is there an area where you have been hesitant/resistant to God using you? If so, why?

11) Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of May 9, 2021

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1) Can you think of a time when an authority figure told you to do something you *really* didn't want to do? How did you react or respond?

2) This week we talked about what it means to fear the Lord. Has your understanding of the fear of the Lord changed over the years? If so, how?

3) The notesheet gave four examples of what it looks like to fear the Lord. Can you think of any other examples?

REVIEW

4) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

5) This week we read about God's plan and purpose in saving Saul, and then to *use* Saul to minister to others. The prophet Jonah is an interesting character because of his resistance to God. God told Jonah to go and warn

the city of Ninevah to repent, or judgment would come. Jonah didn't want to warn them, because Ninevah was the capital of Assyria - an enemy of Israel! After Jonah begrudgingly warned Ninevah, they repented! Read how Jonah responded below -

Jonah 4:1-3 - "[1] But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. [2] So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. [3] "Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!""

What stands out to you from Jonah's response?

Why do you think Jonah reacted the way he did?

How was Jonah's response different than Ananias' response in Acts 9:10-18?

my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You! [3] Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long. [4] Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. [5] For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. [6] Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. [7] In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. [8] Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. [9] All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name. [10] For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God. [11] Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. [12] I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. [13] For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. [14] O God, the proud have risen against me, And a mob of violent men have sought my life, And have not set You before them. [15] But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth. [16] Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your maidservant. [17] Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me."

6) Read the following psalm of David. In the space provided, make a list of David's descriptions of God and his requests to God.

Psalm 86:1-17 - "[1] A Prayer of David. Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; For I am poor and needy. [2] Preserve

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