

TIC Connect Group Discussion Guide

16-22 June 2019 | Psalm 107:1-32

The Message. Give thanks to God for His steadfast love endures forever.

Context. The Psalmist invited the redeemed to give thanks to the Lord for His steadfast love endures forever. The Psalmist addresses four kinds of people: (1) those who are lost in the wilderness, (2) those who are imprisoned, (3) those who are in their deathbed, and (4) those who at sea in great storm. When they call upon the name of the Lord, God rescues them and give them rest.

Observation & Meaning

Read Verses 1-3

- 1. What is this Psalm about (107:1)?
- 2. Whom does the Psalmist invite to give thanks (107:2-3)?

Read Verses 4-5

- 3. How do we describe the condition of a person who is lost in a desert?
- 4. Which group of people does this person correspond to in our context today?

Read Verses 10-12

- 5. How do we describe the condition of a person who is imprisoned?
- 6. What does cause their imprisonment?
- 7. Why does God allow the imprisonment to happen?
- 8. Which group of people does this person correspond to in our context today?

Read Verses 17-18

- 9. How do we describe the condition of a person who is on his/her deathbed?
- 10. What does cause their affliction?
- 11. Which group of people does this person correspond to in our context today?

Read Verses 23-32

12. How do we describe the condition of a person who is at sea in great storm?

13. Which group of people does this person correspond to in our context today?

Read Verses 6, 13, 19, and 28 14. What do these people do in their distress?

Read Verses 7, 14, 20, and 29-30 15. How does God respond to these people?

Read Verses 8-9, 15-16, 21-22, and 31-21 16. What does the Psalmist invite these people to do?

Application

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17. How do we respond when we are in crisis?

18. How do we respond when we are out of crisis?

19. How long does this response/attitude usually last?

God-Centeredness.

20. How does God respond to us when we cry out to Him?

21. How does this affect the way we give thanks to God?

Insight

The standard Hebrew text divides the Psalms into 5 "books," perhaps in imitation of the 5 books of the Pentateuch. Psalm 107 is the beginning of Book 5. The structure of Book 5 reflects the closing petition of Book 4 in 106:47. It declares that God does answer prayer (107) and concludes with five Hallelujah psalms (146–150). Read more <u>here</u>.

Resources

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