



Sermon Growth Guide

May 23, 2021

What David Knew - Savior

Psalm 27

Key Verse: Psalm 27:4 “One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”

Big Idea: God saves us, dwells in us and gives us a part to play in His story.

Foundations

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate God pouring out His Spirit into His people, empowering them to live on His mission—and also, welcome back Big Blue! Pentecost Sunday 2021 is coinciding in no little way with a felt great lessening of COVID restrictions in our city. How has God used a truly terrible virus to shape you even more into the likeness of His son, Jesus (Romans 8:29)?

David knew that God is Savior. Psalm 27 opens with these words: “The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?” In God’s salvation we are given peace with God and courage to walk each and every day on the level path of God’s kingdom.

God saves us, dwells in us and gives us a part to play in His story. Paul implores us in Ephesians 4:16 that the church “grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” You have a part to play in God’s mission here at First Pres. Today is “My Part Sunday.” How has God gifted you to be Light and Life in this city through this body of believers?

Rejoice together that God’s power and presence are poured out on His people. Pray to walk in God’s Kingdom of Light and Life!

Understanding God’s Word

Respond to David’s opening questions in verse one of Psalm 27. What does David have to fear if David’s salvation is secure in the Lord?

What is “the one thing” that David most desires in verse four?

The final two verses of Psalm 27, verses 13 and 14, have what hope and charge embedded within them?

Applying God’s Word

Psalm 27:4 draws out a stunning purity of will in David’s heart in this season of his life. David desires God alone: “One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” Is this your one great desire? How can you cultivate this desire?

Witnessing God’s Word

We are saved in Christ, indwelled by the Spirit and commissioned to play a part in God’s story by the will of the Father. How are you / can you play a part in God’s mission here at First Pres? How is God inviting you to use your gifts to witness God’s grace in Christ through your active participation in this worshipping community?

No matter where you are, there is a Psalm to reach you and lead you back home to God.