

# HOME CHURCH SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

PSALM 13



Trusting in what we know of the character of God - Unfailing Love

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1. What has God brought to your mind from the message today that you should apply to your life?
2. What are the indications in Psalm 13:1-4 that show the psalmist was going through a time of stress or anxiety?
3. Are there any symptoms in your thoughts and body right now that indicate you are going through a time of stress or anxiety? If so, what are they?
4. The psalms were the hymn book of Israel. Jesus sang these songs all His life. How do you think He felt as He confessed Psalm 13:1-4 to His father in song? What about Psalm 22:1? Read Matthew 27:46 for how Jesus lived this out. How do you feel knowing your savior didn't just sing these psalms, but faithfully lived them out?
5. David found relief and rejoicing in God's character of unfailing love (v5). Even though his circumstances did not change, his heart sure did. What do you know about God's unfailing love that David could only see dimly?  
*The peace that Jesus gives is never engineered by circumstances on the outside. - Oswald Chambers*
6. Read John 16:32-33. What was Jesus' hope in His greatest trial? Where specifically is the encouragement that He points us to? How does that differ from our wellbeing being based on our circumstances? What is the reason Jesus gives for us taking heart? Does that give you hope today? Why or why not?
7. Read Romans 8:32-39. How does focusing on the God who gave His Son for us change everything about Covid-19 and the uncertainties of life?
8. Focusing on God's unfailing love set David to singing. How about you? Spend some time talking about all of the reasons you have for praising the Lord. Share your gratitude, praise, and trust. He will love it.

**If you're sad or anxious, pray.**

Bring your prayers to the ears of the One who gave Himself for you.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matthew 10:28

Pray this together:

*"Lord, let the strength and encouragement you give us overflow in loving kindness to others."*

\*As you conclude, spend some time praying together using the prayer guide.



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## THINKING OF OTHERS IN A CRISIS

Read this Prayer in the time of a Pandemic

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May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working  
from home remember those who must  
choose between preserving their health  
or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care  
for our children when their schools close  
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot  
physically wrap our arms around each other,  
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors.

*Amen.*

**God's Protection** (Pray that God would  
stop the virus through vaccines, or  
miraculous intervention.)

**God's Provision** (Financial Institutions,  
Job Shut Down, Hourly Wage Earners,  
Fixed Income, Food Supply, Stores)

**Those in Authority** (Wisdom and Unity  
for Police, Fire, Gov -Local, State,  
National, International Leaders)

**Medical Personnel** (Protection over Rx,  
Drs, Nurses, & Hospital Staff; Wisdom for  
Researchers, etc.)

**Hearts of the People** (They would turn to  
Christ during this crisis; People would  
come to faith in Christ, the nominal would  
be awakened, and believers would go  
deeper in their faith.)

**Those at Greatest Risk** (Healing for the  
Sick, Compromised Immune Systems,  
Elderly, Homeless)

**Our Schools** (Wisdom for Leaders,  
Teachers, Staff and Support Personnel;  
Food for Kids, etc.)

**The Church & Nonprofits** (Members and  
Elders, Pastors and Staff, Compassion  
Care and Witness, etc.)

**Family / Friends** (They Feel Supported &  
Loved, Enriching Family Time, Health,  
Specific Needs and Opportunity for  
Ministry and Witness, etc.)

**Yourself** (Ask the Holy Spirit to  
specifically lead you as to how you can  
be a light for Christ during this time in  
your three circles: Family/Friends,  
Neighborhood and Community.)