

Walking with Integrity

Text: Psalm 26

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Big Idea: To worship God faithfully, you must live with integrity.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) Does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

- a) What does 'integrity' mean in God's eyes?
- b) How is the world's view of integrity different from God's?
- c) Why is a life lived in Jesus' power the only way we can live with true integrity that pleases God?
- d) What area(s) do you struggle to live with integrity? Why those ones?
- e) What are you thinking in those moments?
- f) What is it that you really want in those moments?
- g) How does the gospel fulfill what you are seeking in those moments of temptation? Use Scripture.

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Point 1: EXAMINED: "Test me Lord!" (vv. 1-5)

Question: A life of integrity begins with examination. Are you inviting the Lord to examine you?

Question #6

- a) **Rd. vv. 1-5:** What is David asking God to do in these verses? Why is he doing this?
- b) What are the things God uses to "smelt away" the impurities in our lives to grow us in integrity?
- c) Why is it crucial we believe God is good & loves us if we are to ask Him to examine us?
- d) What are some key ways that are shown here about how we can live with integrity?

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Point 2: DEVOTED: "I Love You Lord!" (vv. 6-10)

Question: Integrity flows out of a love for the Lord. Are you devoted to Him?

Question #7

- a) **Rd. vv. 6-10:** What does it mean to be devoted to the Lord?
- b) How does living a life of increasing devotion to the Lord, grow our worship of the Lord?
- c) What area(s) in your life do you love more than the Lord?
- d) Spend time in prayer for one another over these areas.

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Point 3: REALIZES: "I Need You Lord!" (vv. 11-12)

Question: A life of integrity realizes its need for God's help. Who are you depending on?

Question #8

- a) **Rd. vv. 11-12:** How does David display humility and dependence before the Lord here?
- b) How do these verses show that living with integrity must go beyond a confident, "I can do this!"?

Question #9

- a) How does Psalm 26 point to, and ultimately get fulfilled by Jesus? Share Scriptures of His life that fulfill Psalm 26.
- b) How should this encourage and empower us to live with increasing Christ-like integrity in our witness?
- c) What are 1-2 steps you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you take this week to walk in integrity before the Lord?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group praying through Psalm 26...

ADORATION: Jesus, I praise You for displaying Your steadfast love in/when_____

CONFESSION: Jesus, I repent of not living with integrity in/when_____

THANKSGIVING: Jesus, I thank you for Your_____ that empowers me to live with your integrity

SUPPLICATION: Jesus I ask that You would: i) Test my heart ii) Increase my love for You iii) Help me live with gospel integrity in/when_____

Memory Verse:

"But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me."-Psalm 26:11

