

## Growth Group Questions – Psalm 49

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**For starters...** How much is your day-to-day personal happiness and sense of security for the future tied to money and wealth?

### Reading to Understand – Psalm 49

1. What was something that stood out to you as you read the passage?



2. What question(s) came to mind as you read this passage?



3. What is the main point(s) of the passage?



4. How does this passage point to, or speak about, Jesus?



### Going Deeper...

5. The psalmist is contemplating whether he has cause for fear when “evil days come” (v. 5).

- What are the “evil days” he is pondering?
- How are the “evil days” he is pondering like our own present moment in history?
- Why should we, like the psalmist, not fear such days?

6. What promises does wealth make, and why does death expose them as lies?

7. Compare v. 12 and v. 20 and note that riches in and of itself are not the problem. What is the problem and what is the “understanding” we need when it comes to money and wealth?

8. Why can the idol of money and wealth be just as big a problem for the poor as it is for the rich?

9. In vv. 7-9 and v. 15 the psalmist makes it clear no man can redeem (or ransom) the life of another unto eternal life, but God can.

- How does this make Jesus' words in Mark 10:45 even more incredible?
- Why is Jesus' ransomed life for you and me the ultimate source of happiness and security?

10. **Read Luke 12:13-34.**

- How should the gospel shape our relationship with money and wealth?
- How does your relationship with money and wealth need to change in the light of the gospel?

### Growing Together In Christ

**Know** →

How has this study helped you to know Jesus better?

**Trust** →

How has this study encouraged you to trust Jesus more?

**Love** →

How has this study challenged you to love like Jesus?

### Meditation on the Word and Prayer

Turn Psalm 49 into a prayer for wisdom from God with respect to your relationship with money and wealth.