



Sermon Growth Guide

May 2, 2021

What David Knew - Just

Psalm 14

Key Verse: Psalm 14:7 “Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!”

Big Idea: The world says, “I’m right and you’re wrong.” The gospel says, “there is no one who does good, not even one,” (Psalm 14:3). We all need heaven’s healing touch, Christ Jesus.

Foundations

King David sees the character and care of Jesus in the way God reveals Himself to David. This week, David understands that God is a just God.

“Justice is life together the way God wants it,” writes Pastor Tim. “Justice is not only about the next world. It’s about this world.”

David knew about injustice. Psalm 14 is often attributed to being written during the time in David’s life when he was being hunted by Saul. How did David handle the endless waves of injustice coming against him? He cried out to God, who is just.

When we’re honest with ourselves, it’s never too far into a conversation on justice when we are confronted with the injustice in our own hearts. “There is no one who does good, not even one,” Scripture attests to in Psalm 14. Where the world wages a war of hate with walls of division as the name of the game, God calls us all to repentance of sin and faith in Christ.

Together with your circle, pray that God will grant you a heart of unity and understanding, knowing that each person, including yourself, needs the grace of God to become clean. We are called to be peacemakers. How can you be a peacemaker this week?

Understanding God’s Word

What does “the fool” say in verse one?

What analogy is implored to describe what evildoers do to God’s people in verse four?

In verse five, who is “overwhelmed with dread” and why?

Applying God’s Word

The world says, “I’m right and you’re wrong.” The gospel says, “there is no one who does good, not even one,” (Psalm 14:3). We all need heaven’s healing touch, Christ Jesus.

We are called to recognize that outside of the grace of God, we are all of us “the fool.” “When (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd,” (Matthew 9:36). How can you grow in your compassion for others, knowing Jesus’ response to the crowd in Matthew 9?

Witnessing God’s Word

Who is near you who has different opinions about justice and who is right or wrong? Ask God to continue to grow His Kingdom compassion in your heart for everyone you interact with.

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