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## Thanksgiving & Service

**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | Session 9.18**

### Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media)
- Find web links for underlined items on this session's webpage at [faithelement.net](http://faithelement.net).

### Context

Share the [Tasty Fish video](#) and ask:

- What are some elements of this video that people might find to be either funny or un-funny and why?
- When have you or someone you know undergone a potentially traumatic event and how did you deal with it?
- In what ways do such events affect our relationship with God and why?
- What kinds of things do we expect of someone who God has gotten through a bad time and why?

## Content

Read [Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19](#), then watch the Bible Background Video.

Ask questions like these:

- Understanding that this psalm is a person's response to God, what do you think is the story behind it and why?
- What does the text indicate might have been the writer's relationship to God before and after the event that led to its writing?
- What do you think the writer means in verse 15, when talking about the "preciousness" of death?
- Why do you think the psalmist's mother is mentioned in verse 16?
- What contemporary music or stories are you familiar with that might parallel the message of this psalm and in what way do they do this?

## Closure

Review together the [Omaze Campaigns Page](#) and ask:

- Which of these contests (current or past) would you most like to win and why?
- Which cause most compelled you and why?
- Why do you think so many well-known people are willing to participate in so many causes, even if they don't seem to get a lot of personal attention from having done so?
- What is a personal cause for which you'd like people to hold one of these kinds of contests?
- For what kinds of things in your life are you hoping God will intervene, and how might you act if God does it?
- How might we show our gratitude to God through the way we respond to other people's needs?

Pray together to end the session.