



With God on Our Side

Psalm 124 | Session 10.39

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).

Context

Start by asking:

- What is the scariest "near miss" you ever had on the road?
- How do such incidents make you feel about other people, or about God?
- What are some other places where you feel that God might have been with you in some special way?
- When does it seem that God is not necessarily with you and how do you cope with that?

Content

Read Psalm 124, and watch the Bible Background Video before asking:

- What kind of events might have given rise to the creation of this kind of psalm?
- What images does this psalmist use to tell the story, and how do they "work" as illustrations?
- How do you think the psalmist knew God was on their side?
- At what points does our own narrative intersect with the narrative of this scripture?
- At what points might the hearers of this passage have felt that God was not with them and how might that psalm go?

Closure

Continue by asking:

- How does someone know whether God is on one side or another in a given situation?
- In what ways might the knowledge that God may be on both or neither sides affect the way we see people who might oppose us?
- What is the difference between having God on our side and being on God's side and how do we know it?
- How might we recognize God's presence in the small things, instead of just the major events?
- What can we do to help other people see God in everyday things?

Close with prayer.

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