

The Heart of the Psalms

Lesson 3 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Matthew 21:12-17

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **What are the different kinds of Psalms and how can they be used in our daily lives?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. What are the different kinds of Psalms in terms of their musical classification?
14. What are the different kinds of Psalms based on their style and theme?
15. What are the elements of imprecatory Psalms?
16. Read the following Psalm verses from these imprecatory Psalms. What does the author want God to do to his enemies? Why? Can and should we pray like this?

- A. Psalm 10:12-17.
 - B. Psalm 35:4-6.
 - C. Psalm 58:1-8.
17. What are the elements of Old Testament prophecy and of the Messianic Psalms?
18. Where do we see Christ in the Psalms?
19. How does Jesus use the Psalms in his ministry?

Lesson wrap-up

What are the different kinds of Psalms and how can they be used in our daily lives?