

## **BIG IDEA**

For David, what really matters above all else is God's unfailing, loyal love and his faithful, reliable trustworthiness to him. And these two things alone make Elohim Elyon worthy of our trust. It is not about what he does for us that makes him worthy of our worship. It is who he is that makes him worthy.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

- 1. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?
  - Read: Psalm 57
- 2. Share a time when you felt overwhelmed or anxious about a situation in your life. How did you respond to that situation? Did you turn to God for help?
- 3. Reflect on the context of Psalm 57. Why do you think David, in the midst of facing death and challenges, chose to refer to God as "God Most High"? What does this tell us about his perspective and trust in God?
- 4. Pastor Robert posed the question, "What or who claims the most exalted position in my life at this moment?" Discuss this question in relation to your own life. What tends to take top priority in your life, and how does that influence your perspective on God?
- 5. In verse 2, David speaks of God fulfilling his purpose for him. How does the understanding of God's purpose for our lives impact our trust in him during challenging times?
- 6. Explore David's response of worship and praise in verses 7-9. How can worship help us shift our focus from our circumstances to God's greatness?
- 7. Share an experience of a time when worship and praise helped you navigate through difficult situations?
- 8. Reflect on Pastor Robert's closing quote by Jared C Wilson, "We need a church besotted with the glory of God." Looking at Gateway Church as a whole, do you believe we are besotted with the glory of God? How can we, as a church community, align our lives more closely with this perspective?
- 9. Share personal insights, commitments, or action items inspired by the sermon and the discussion. In other words, how will you respond to the message this week?

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- 1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
- 2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
- 3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
- 4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

## **DEEPER**

**Pray:** Thank God for his attributes as Elohim Elyon and asking for his guidance in prioritizing him in your life.

Read: Read 1 Samuel 19-22 for further context as to why David felt led to write this Psalm.

**Write:** Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, memorize a verse from Psalm 57 that will help you remember that God is all we need. Test each other the next time you meet.

Love: Share this message of hope with someone you love.

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