SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

September 1, 2022 <u>Psalm 55</u> - <u>Psalm 55:1-23</u>

Open It

- 1. When have you ever felt betrayed by a friend?
- 2. What do you do when your friends disappoint you?

Explore It

- 3. What initial appeal to the Lord introduces this poem? (55:1-3)
- 4. What danger did David face? (55:4-5)
- 5. How did the psalm writer describe his heart's pain? (55:4-8)
- 6. What did David wish he could do? (55:6-8)
- 7. What did the psalm writer do when he realized he could not escape his problem? (55:9-11)
- 8. What prayer did David present to the Lord? (55:9-11)
- 9. How did the psalm writer describe his enemies? (55:9-11)
- 10. What made the psalm writer's situation especially painful? (55:12-14)
- 11. How did David describe his relationship with the person who betrayed him? (55:12-14)
- 12. What did David want the Lord to do to his enemies? (55:15)
- 13. How confident was David that the Lord would hear his prayer? (55:16-19)
- 14. How did David deal with his pain and anger? (55:16-19, 22-23)
- 15. When did David spend time in prayer? (55:17)
- 16. Why did David expect God to punish his enemies? (55:19)
- 17. How did the psalm writer describe the hypocrisy of his friend? (55:20-21)

- 18. What encouragement did David offer to others? (55:22)
- 19. What words of confidence conclude this psalm? (55:23)

Get It

- 20. How do people usually react when they feel betrayed or let down by a trusted friend?
- 21. When have you wished you could escape from a problem?
- 22. In what way can we follow David's example when we feel overwhelmed with anger at another person?
- 23. What can we learn from David's confidence in the Lord?
- 24. How can we follow the psalm writer's example in our prayers about others?
- 25. What changes could you make to become more persistent and consistent in your prayers?
- 26. What words of instruction does this psalm offer us?
- 27. What does it mean to "cast your cares on the Lord"?
- 28. Which of your fears or problems would you like to commit to the Lord in prayer?

Apply It

- 29. For what friend or enemy do you need to pray this next week?
- 30. How can you commit a sense of anger or hurt to the Lord?
- 31. How could you show your confidence in the Lord as righteous judge of all?