LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **September 18, 2022,** sermon, "Your declaration." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 92) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE DECLARE THE LORD'S GREATNESS IN OUR WORSHIP, NOTE . . .

- 1. The works our LORD has produced. (1-4)
 - a. It is good for us to see and celebrate the things God is doing.
 - i. To give thanks to the LORD.
 - ii. To sing praises to "the Most High."
 - iii. To declare his steadfast love, day and night.
 - b. The works of God become the primary reason / focus of our emotions.
 - i. "Because you have moved me in joy, I see and sing about your works."
 - ii. Gladness and joy in God's works (4) are the fuel for "what I talk / sing about."
- 2. The opposition our LORD has faced. (5-9)
 - a. We do not understand all the things that God is doing—especially when evil flourishes.
 - b. Yet the evil will perish and be scattered, and the righteous are / will be saved forever.
- 3. The blessings our LORD has provided. (10-15)
 - a. God will bring seasons of flourishing for those who delight in him / his works.
 - b. God will bring ultimate / eternal flourishing for those who delight in him.
 - c. Remain planted / tethered to the Rock, who is righteous, our LORD.

Life Group Discussion Questions

- 1. Based on #1, above: We experience great personal affliction and frustration in this life. How have you disciplined your eyes to stay focused on what God is doing, and what God has provided and who God is during seasons of great trials?
- Based on #1, above: In this psalm, our words about God (thanksgiving (1), praise (1) and declarations (2)) are fueled by a soul (inner person) that is truly focused on what the "Most High" (1), 'covenant-keeper who knows us' (LORD, v. 1) has done. What do your words (in this season of your life, right now) reveal about your heart before God?
- 3. Based on #2, above: Sometimes the righteous seems to be scattered and the wicked seem to flourish. How do you process this before God? How do you pray when we are in a season like this? What do you say? How do you sing in those days?
- 4. Based on #3, above: God will bring about seasons of flourishing for those who remain planted in the house of the LORD, in this life and forever. The LORD is "on high forever." Fruitfulness in old age, then, is not comfort and ease, but all about faithfulness and righteousness. Discuss.