



## SDG Discussion Guide

### Psalm 103

March 22, 2020

#### For starters:

How are you feeling about things since your group last met? Take some time to talk.

What aspects of virtual meetings or interactions do you appreciate? Think “outside the box” and identify what ways you could help or serve another during this time - virtually?

#### Guideline:

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly **Psalm 103** in your group. As time permits, read it again in another Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray, and ask God to speak to your group. Listen attentively, and notice, what may God be highlighting for your consideration and learning?

Now that you have prayed, please see the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. Who does David address in verses 1-5? How has he benefited from God’s favor? Why does he say the eagle’s youth is renewed (v 5)? Where is the David who is continuously complaining about disease and death (see 38:2-8)?
2. To where does the focus shift in verses 6-14? What “ways” were made known to Moses and Israel? Is a loving and forgiving God known only from the New Testament (v 8; see Ex 34:6-7)?
3. Which word picture of forgiveness do you like best (vv 11-13)? Why does God bother with such temporary beings as humans? What seems to be most important: personal souls or impersonal principles (vv 17-18)? Is God “talking to himself” somehow?
4. What is the focus of verses 19-22? What takes “center stage”: God’s will or God’s creation? What do you think of the last line?
5. Does your experience with your father or mother resemble the picture of God in verse 13? Does this image help you? Can God’s knowing how you are formed comfort you (v 14)?
6. When have you experienced God’s grace firsthand? How have you benefited from it?
7. Whom do you treat as he or she deserves? What would it mean to bring God’s grace into that situation?

#### Prayer:

Lord, we continue to seek you during this particular time in world history. We pray you would use this period to turn people’s hearts and souls back to you. Continue to waken us where we were lulled to sleep! Encourage us that we may be an encouragement to our neighbor. May others in our world know we are Christians by our love. And may all come to realize a revival of our collective soul - to really know you and praise you, in Jesus’ name, amen.

\*The discussion questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).