



SDG Discussion Guide

Psalm 121

March 15, 2020

For starters:

How are you feeling during this abnormal time?

When have you been in a crisis or trial before? What did you learn that you can apply now in your life?

Guideline:

The following is meant to provide interaction with the respective Sunday's sermon text. Feel free to forward to your small group members. Hard copies are available at UCM on the respective Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly the selected passage 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. What is the mood of pilgrims on a winding road through hills? To what are they vulnerable (vv 1-3)? How much more after nightfall?
2. What comfort does the traveler receive for the journey (vv 3, 5-8)?
3. Do you like to travel or dread it? What dangers lie on the road on inward journeys?
4. Does God protect you? What form has God's protection taken for you in the past?
5. When do you feel most vulnerable? How do you protect yourself? How do you protect others?
6. Where are people in your midst that may need you to take the lead during a difficult time? Where may people in your midst need to be comforted and know a kind word or help? Where do you need comfort and kindness during a turn in the road?

Prayer:

Lord, we humbly seek you. Please help us to see our lives once more from the perspective of your great love for your creation including us. During this abnormal and sometimes stressful time, awaken us where we may have been lulled to sleep. We trust that in all things you work for the good of those who love you. Please show us what we need to see, and help us hear what we need to hear -- that our lives may be reordered into a right and loving relationship with you and with our neighbor, in Jesus' name, amen.

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