## **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**DATE:** January 9, 2022

**SERMON TITLE:** The Good Life

**SPEAKER:** Michael Lodge

**SERMON TEXT:** Psalm 73

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- I. Thinking back over your days in the past week, what things have shaped how you were feeling, and what your mind dwelled upon? (i.e., News, family, social media, reading, etc.) Have your feelings leaned toward being encouraged or discouraged?
- 2. Asaph describes those he is jealous of in verses 4-12. What kind of emotive words stand out to you? What is the effect on his own heart upon reflecting on these people? Why do you think that is?
- 3. Asaph doesn't tell us what happened in the sanctuary or what he saw. But his words reveal some of the effects (I7-20) on his thinking. Can you identify some of these effects? How has this changed from his former way of looking at the "arrogant"?
- 4. Verses 4-I2 described what Asaph formerly had his eyes on, leading him to almost lose his foothold. Verses 23-26 describe where he is now setting his eyes. list out the phrases that are encouragements to him. Choose one and share how you can see this understanding of God's nearness changing how you would like to approach a situation this coming week.
- 5. As you reflect on Asaph's story, and his conclusion in verse 28, "...it is good to be near God.", what do you think he means by 'nearness' to God?

## **PRAYER FOR OUR PEOPLE:**

• Lloyd Weiss is now on the transplant list for a new kidney. Please pray for his continued good health and that the wait time will not be too long;