

Adult Impact Study Sheet – March 17, 2024

Read **Psalm 16:1-11**; if possible from several translations.

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1. Verses 1 and 2 “include three different names for God: Elohim (*the powerful creator God*), Yahweh (*the covenant-giving God*), and Adonai (*the Lord and Master of life*). David saw in all these names the personal presence of God in his life.”¹ Discuss how these names of God have impacted and continue to impact your life.
 - Elohim
 - Yahweh
 - Adonai
2. In the NIV, verse 1 reads, “Keep me safe, my God, for in You I take refuge.” Discuss the following statement. “Safety is not felt because you have nothing to be afraid of. Rather, safety is felt because God is your protector.”²
3. Read verse 2. “Believers need to understand that we only have one source: God. Everything else is a resource.”³ Discuss what that means. What things in life can become a source for us, when they should only be a resource?

Discuss this verse in light of James 1:17 and Psalm 73:25.

4. Read vv. 5-6. Discuss the inheritance of the believer in contrast to the material blessings the Lord may bestow on him.
5. Read vv. 7-8. John 15:1-8 speaks of the necessity of abiding in Christ. Discuss what that means in light of these verses.
6. In the TLB (Living Bible) verse 8 reads, “I am always thinking of the Lord; and because he is so near, I never need to stumble or fall.” Discuss the following.
“I cannot imagine how religious persons can live satisfied without the practice of the presence of God. For my part, I keep myself retired with Him in the...center of my soul as much as I can; and while I am so with Him I fear nothing.”⁴
7. Discuss verse 11. Consider also Proverbs 3:5-6 and 16:3

¹ *The Jeremiah Study Bible, OT, 715*

² *Africa Study Bible, 789*

³ *The Tony Evans Bible Commentary, 514*

⁴ Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God, 45*