

Discussion & Reflection Questions

- 1) One of the great paradoxes (or “overlapping truths”) of the Christian faith is this: Every believer is truly saved; every believer is truly a sinner. What happens if we lose balance between these two truths?
- 2) Jamie said that v. 1a is a short-hand version of something like “Blessed is the one who has received God’s mercy in his or her poverty, and has therefore become the kind of person who shows mercy to others in their poverty.” How has God’s mercy to you shaped how you show mercy to others?
- 3) Review God’s seven blessings over us in Christ as listed in vv. 1a-3. What stands out to you? Which of these blessings do you want more of in this season of your life?
- 4) In vv. 5-9, we read of David’s experience of treachery, even from a close friend. Then, in vv. 10-13, he speaks of his hope. Share a time when you experienced treachery or betrayal and how your faith in Jesus Christ sustained you.
- 5) Jamie pointed out that, while we are both blessed and wretched, we can always say along with the David, “I know that you delight in me” (v.11a). Are you confident in saying this? If not, what might you do to embrace this truth more deeply?
- 6) In v. 12, David expresses comfort and confidence by saying to the LORD, “You . . . have set me in your presence forever.”
 - a) When/where do you feel most like you are in the presence of God?
 - b) When/where do you feel like you are *not* in the presence of God?
 - c) When in such times and places, what possible steps might you take to remind yourself that you are always in God’s presence?