



# Sermon Discussion Guide

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## **SUMMARY**

**Big Idea:** The Lord Reigns over the wicked and the righteous.

How do you live and respond in a wicked society? In Psalm 10, we are given an example that includes: looking to God, observing the wicked correctly, and then acting accordingly. This psalm contains a strong plea for the Lord to act. It identifies how all mankind worships something and how we are all ultimately motivated from the heart and our actions follow. It is an honest look and encouragement for Christians to pray different prayers and be advocates for justice. It's an invitation for us to have compassion, even while calling out evil in this world.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **READ Psalm 10:1**

1. Does this plea resonate with you? When in your life have you felt the same angst?
  - a. What gave, or is currently giving rise to this particular flavor of anxiety? (Try to not only think about circumstances, but also think about the ingredients at play: what truths about God seemed to clash with or be at odds with your lived experience)

### **READ Psalm 10:2-11** (The Pride & Plans of the Wicked)

2. How are "the wicked" described in these verses?
  - a. How does this help frame and give context for the opening plea of v1?
3. For the wicked, how does their disposition and posture inform their actions?
  - a. Where and how do we see this play out on the world stage?
  - b. In what ways do these descriptions convict you? (Where, in your own heart do you share and live out the same inclinations?)

### **READ Psalm 10:12-18** (The Prayer & Humility of the Righteous)

4. How do these verses provide instruction for how to respond when, due to injustice and unchecked evil flourishing, our hearts resonate with the opening plea, "Lord, why do you stand far off?"
  - a. What are we guided to think and feel? What truths and hope are afforded to us?
  - b. What are we guided to do?