

SERMON NOTES

Sunday 26th June
sunnysidechurch

Bible passage Psalm 16

Introduction

- Psalm 16: David asks God to keep him safe (v1)

Psalm 16

1. About God's care for us

- David cried out to God because he knew God cared for him
- Love and care received from others is a reflection of and possible because of God's love and care for us
- I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.' (v2)

2. About what we can have true confidence in

- Death of someone we love shakes us
- I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. (v8)
- In changing and uncertain world, we can have confidence in who God is and his care for us

3. About how we can enjoy life in all its fullness, both now and after our deaths

- You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (v11)
- God ensured death does not get the final word
- Jesus shows us the path of life

Conclusion

Remember what God has done and give thanks to him

Some Questions for Discussion

1. Who are some of the people who have had a big impact on your life and why?
2. Read Psalm 16. What strikes you about this Psalm?
3. Can you think of examples of God's care for you in good times and in bad?
4. Why does the Psalmist say that he will not be shaken if he keeps his eyes on God (v8)? Has this been your experience?
5. Read Acts 2.22-33. How does Peter's use of some of Psalm 16 deepen your understanding of the 'path of life' David speaks about (v11)?
6. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through this Psalm? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

Jesus says: 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'
(John 10.10)

Why not spend some time thanking God for the fullness of life he offers us and pray that we might follow the Way he shows us more faithfully?

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