

Suggested Answers for Leaders

Observation - What does it say?

1. He asks God to vindicate him, prove him, try him, and test his heart and mind. Because he has walked in integrity, trusted the Lord without wavering, kept God's steadfast love before his eyes, and walked in God's faithfulness.
2. Men of falsehood, hypocrites, evildoers, and the wicked. The sermon highlights the progression from not sitting with them, to not associating with them, to rejecting their lifestyle.
3. David hates the assembly of evildoers and loves the place where God inhabits.
4. In v. 1 and 11, David claims to walk in integrity. In v. 3 he claims to walk in God's truth in v. 1 David says that he has walked (past) in integrity, but in v. 11 he promises to walk (future) in his integrity.

Interpretation - What does it mean?

5. Integrity means wholehearted devotion and consistency between the person others see and the person who actually lives before God. The fact that it does not imply sinlessness is found in v. 11b ("Redeem me and be gracious to me"). We must pay careful attention because repeated association with ungodly influences can shape our thinking, priorities, and behavior. The point is not complete isolation from unbelievers but careful control over who has significant influence in our lives.

6. (individual replies)

Application - What do I do with this?

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