Brown Community Group
Psalm 25 – August 30, 2020

I.   Starter Context:

Who or what have you placed your trust in throughout your life? Undoubtably we all have situations that worked out well and others where we were sorely disappointed and totally let down. How in the world are we supposed to know or tell about trustworthiness ahead of time?

Are there any constants in our lifes experiences that begin to standout? Does'nt it seem that too many people in todays culture are told to trust no one? Or just family or associated groups? No matter the situation or circumstance, we can only rely on one eternal source, and as much as we would like or search for something else, all else will eventually let us down and fail our trust at some point.

II.   Discussion of Scripture:

Psalm 25 is a literary device used to add beauty and form to the psalms. It gives the sense that the subject is being covered completely, as if from A to Z on the subject. Charles Spurgeon writes of this Psalm, "David is pictured in this Psalm as in a faithful miniature. His holy trust, his many conflicts, his great transgressions, his bitter repentance, and his deep distresses are all here; so that we see the very heart of 'the man after God's own heart.'"

Psalm 25: Teach Me Your Paths

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶ Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. ¹² Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. ¹⁴ The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. ¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. ¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. ²⁰ Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to

shame, for I take refuge in you. [21] May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. [22] Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles!

III.   Group Discussion Questions:

1. With David affirming his trust in God in verse 1 and 2, what does he see as the result of his trust in God?
2. What does David mean by "being put to shame"? Will those who wait and trust in God ever be put to shame?
3. How has your trust in God and patience proven itself in your life?
      a. Reference 25:3 & 21
4. What do each of the following verses say about the character of God:
      a. Verse 3 – God is _____
      b. Verse 4 – God is _____
      c. Verse 5 – God is _____
      d. Verse 6 – God is _____
      e. Verse 10 –God is _____
      f. Verse 16 –God is _____
      g. Verse20– God is_____
5. What are the characterisitcs of God's child as expressed in Psalm 25:9, 10, 12, 14 and 15?

6. What do the following verses say about God's ability to save and forgive? 25:5, 6-7**,** 11, 15-18, 20, and 22.

IV.   Responding in Prayer:
   - Pray that God will help you trust Him in every area of your life. In your relationships, in your work, and in your future.
   - Praise God for who he is and what he has done.