

## ICEBREAKER

What has God been speaking to you about this week or recently in your devotional time?

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalm 34:1-14** — <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. <sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup>They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. <sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. <sup>8</sup>O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. <sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. <sup>10</sup>The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing. <sup>11</sup>Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? <sup>13</sup>Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. <sup>14</sup>Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- God speaks to people through the Bible in two different ways:
  - Universally – to everybody
  - Personally – to individual people, with specific messages for specific situations at specific times.

**What is the difference between Logos and Rhema?**

- The Holy Spirit's role includes making the Bible apply to our lives personally in a living way. He takes the Logos and turns it into Rhema.

**Can you share about a time in your life when you were reading scripture and a word or phrase or a verse seemed to jump out at you and you experienced the Holy Spirit speaking a personalized message to you?**

- **Read:** John 15:7

The phrase, "my words", in this verse is the Greek word "rhema" not logos. This verse is actually saying, If you continue in My personalized word to you, you will have your prayers answered.

**Describe how this promise affects the way you pray?**

For example: when God directs you by giving you a rhema (a personalized word from Him to you). How boldly can you come to him and ask?

- What impact does receiving a personalized word from God have on your faith? For example, a word of assurance, a promise, word of guidance, action step, etc.

**How can we confirm a personalized word from the Lord?**

## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Read and Meditate on Psalm 91. Let God speak to you through the Bible about anything He wishes. Read carefully reflecting and meditating. Ask the Lord in prayer to reveal something out of the Psalm. Choose a question that comes to your mind; one you'd like to ask God. Write it down. Then use that question to begin a conversation with God. Write down what you hear God say to you.

## MEMORY VERSE

*O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.* — **Psalm 34:8**

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