

“A Counter-Cultural Focus” Psalm 16

1. Psalm 16 is David’s celebration of the joy of fellowship that comes from faith in the Lord. It was likely written when David faced great danger or opposition in his reign.

Can you name some occasions when David faced great danger and opposition?

2. What summary of the entire psalm do we see in verse 1?

What is David’s statement of faith in verse 2?

3. Based on his commitment to the Lord, David speaks to the society of friends with whom he was identified. How are they described in verse 3?

Read Exodus 19:6. Who does God call us to be as His people?

4. In contrast, who are those who will face sorrows and difficulties (v. 4)?

5. What does David mean when he says in verse 5 that the Lord is his portion?

6. Why does David praise and bless the Lord in verse 7? Why does he rejoice in verse 9?

7. Verses 8-11 are cited by Peter on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:25-28 and verse 10b is quoted by Paul at Antioch in Acts 13:35-37. Who and what is Paul referencing in Acts 13:35-37?

8. David’s words in Psalm 16 are typological. They transcend his own experience and became historically true in Christ. David is speaking of a *deliverance* from death. But in Jesus we see a *resurrection* from death.

Read Luke 24:6 and 1 Corinthians 15:20. How is our expression of faith possible?

9. How can we keep our focus upon Christ and take the counter cultural path in today’s world?