Recounting Wonderful Deeds

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***NOTICE:** The emphasis of our discussion is to see how the Written Word (Bible) and the Spoken Word (Preaching) work together to build up the believer, so when you see WORD in the questions, know it refers to the Scripture and the Sermon.

Recap: *Look back* for evidence of God's word reshaping your heart and life.

1. Does anyone have a testimony to share with the group of how you applied last week's "Respond" section?

Engage: ***Look into* the Word of God in light of Sunday's preached sermon.**

2. Read the passage from Psalm 9:1-12 as a group and discuss your initial observations.

Reflect: *Look deeper* at the preached and written Word.

3. How does the concept of giving God our 'whole heart' challenge the ways we might subtly claim credit for our own accomplishments or blessings?

4. In what specific ways has God been a 'stronghold' or 'refuge' for you during times of oppression or trouble, and how does remembering these moments affect your current faith?

5. How does a sense of entitlement in North American culture prevent us from developing hearts of genuine gratitude toward God?

6. How does recognizing that God fights our greatest enemies of sin, Satan, and death through the cross parallel David's experience of God fighting his physical enemies?

7. Why is corporate gratitude—sharing testimonies of God's faithfulness in community—essential rather than optional for spiritual growth?

Respond: ***Following the sermon's instruction, take 30-60 minutes some time during this week to make a list that will help you recount the wonderful deeds of God in your life by following these steps:***

- Put away all distractions (especially your phone).
- Get paper and pen.
- Write down every instance you can remember when God has been your stronghold, refuge, or defender.
- Start from your earliest memories to the present.
- Use the list as a prompting to pray in gratitude and thanksgiving the rest of the week (and beyond).
- Prepare to share something from that list with your group the following week.