

Songs for the Climb – Psalms 132-136

Psalm 136 | Sunday 28 May

Life Groups Study Questions

1. How would you define love to a 5-year-old? How do you know when someone loves you? How do you show your love to others?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 to stimulate discussion on the definition of love.

*“This psalm, then, is an illustrative definition of the Lord’s love: **more than a feeling, his love is a faithful commitment** to fulfill the promises he has made to his people.” NIV Study Bible.*

2. Psalm 136 is all about the Lord’s eternal love for his people. From the psalm, how has God’s love for his people been displayed?

This Psalm follows the order of events as they appear in the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible), making the point that the Lord loved his people each step of the way.

<i>Ps 136:4–9</i>	Creation – Gen 1–2
<i>Ps 136:10–12</i>	Exodus – Exod 1:1– 13:16
<i>Ps 136:13–15</i>	Red Sea – Exod 14–15
<i>Ps 136:16</i>	Wilderness – Num 1–20
<i>Ps 136:17–20</i>	Sihon/Og – Num 21
<i>Ps 136:21–22</i>	Land Grant – Num 34–35

3. Psalm 135 is all about the Greatness of God, and psalmist calls on us to respond to him with praise. Psalm 136 is all about the love of God: how does the Psalmist call on us to respond to his love?

“Give thanks” – Verses 1-3, 26.

You could explore the difference between God’s greatness and love, and our responses of praise and thanksgiving.

4. Looking back over your life, in what ways has God has demonstrated his love for you? How are you thanking the Lord for his incredible love?

Start with the Gospel and work out: The gift of Jesus being God's ultimate expression of God's love for us: John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10.

5. Looking to the future, how do you think/feel knowing that God's love for you will never end?

*Hope, joy, comfort, assurance, stability, etc.
You may look at the following passages for further reflection: Eph. 3:16-19; Rom 8:38-39*