

Discussion Questions - 5/4/25

Psalm 14 - Where is Meaning to Be Found?

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

1. What does Psalm 14 say about the mindset of those who deny God, and how is this reflected in the attitude of the rich fool in Jesus' parable?
2. How does denying God lead to a distorted view of success and meaning?
3. Psalm 14 describes people who "do no good" and live corruptly. In what ways does the rich fool's self-centered planning reveal a life disconnected from God's will? What does it look like today to plan without seeking God's guidance?
4. How does the final verse of Psalm 14 ("Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!") point forward to Christ, and how does this contrast with the rich fool's pursuit of security through wealth? What kind of security does Christ offer that money cannot?
5. In both passages, we see people placing their trust in themselves rather than in God. How does Christ reframe our understanding of what truly gives life meaning and purpose? What daily practices help us keep our identity rooted in Christ rather than possessions or achievements?