

# Is There Any Hope?

**Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God's Word.**

## Message Summary

The New Day Church family is reading through the bible chronologically in 2017. Each week we hear a sermon based on the material we have already read for the week. We are learning that the story of Redemption is on full display from Genesis to Revelation. Both Old and New Testaments are one unified story that speaks of the beauty of God and the Redemption He has provided for us.

The Sunday prior to Resurrection Sunday we focused on the story of David, the shepherd boy soon-to-be king, who slays the giant Goliath, the savage enemy of the king. We learned this is a story about God's battle. It's a story about a shepherd boy who trusted in the God who delivers from "the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear." It's a story about faith. It's a story about the battle that belongs to the Lord.

But even though David had been anointed king of Israel, Saul was still alive and king and severely persecuted David. Much of the persecution came from the fact that after David's battle with the Philistine, the women of Israel would celebrate in the streets and shout, "*Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands*" (1 Samuel 18:7). It was during these years of persecution, most likely, that David wrote many of his lament Psalms that are included in the Book of Psalms.

Psalm 14 is a lament Psalm from the pen of David that should weigh heavy on our hearts today. While David says, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God,'" he also equates everyone, including his Israelite brothers and sisters, with the fool. He said, "*there is none who does good, not even one.*" David's lament reveals a sad but important reality to us. Every person has turned against God and is morally corrupt. This begs the question, "Is there any hope for humanity?"

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week examine the conclusions we discovered from Psalm 14 and how they inform how we should live. Both the Psalm and this week's sermon reveal the hope for humanity. There is hope! Our only hope is in Jesus!

## Message Outline

3 Conclusions from Psalm 14:

1. The Human race is morally corrupt. (1-3)
  - In our nature.
  - In our actions.
  - We don't seek God.
  - Will become worse over time.
2. Judgment will come to the wicked. (4-6)
  - They know they are wrong.
  - They will be terrified at His wrath.
3. Salvation will come to the righteous. (7)  
To those who:
  - Call on Him. (4)
  - Seek refuge in Him. (6)
  - Trust in Him. (7b)
  - Rejoice in Him. (7c)

Implications for our lives:

1. Let's ponder the weight of this Psalm.
  - None are righteous.
  - All are under God's judgment.
  - Our only hope is in Christ.
2. Let's pray for God to open the eyes of people.
  - They would see their sinfulness/hopelessness.
  - They would see His righteousness.
  - They would respond in faith.
3. Let's proclaim this Gospel to all people.
  - Every day, place, nation.

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## Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Psalm 14:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

## Weekly Prayer Focus

### • Church:

- Pray as we seek to identify additional elders to lead us into the future.
- Pray about going on a global mission trip this year.
- Pray as we seek to raise up additional leaders who will multiply our Missional Communities.
- Pray for our worship space.
- Pray for our finances.
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### • Local:

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
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### • Global:

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for new workers on the mission field.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
- Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.
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