Read **Psalm 33:1-22**; if possible from several translations. For additional insight go to www.studylight.org and www.gotquestions.org.

This psalm is an acrostic poem, each verse beginning with the succeeding letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

1. In just the first three verses David exhorts the reader of this psalm to

Shout for joy	Praise	Give thanks
Make melody	Sing to Him	Play skillfully with loud shouts
He gives us the reasons in the following 16 verses.		

David speaks of shouting twice, the second time of loud shouts. Was that something limited to the culture of the day, or would that apply to us today? Have you ever shouted for joy in the Lord? What were the circumstances that led you to do that?

What might hinder us from such shouting, either in private or in a public setting? Should we allow those things to hinder us?

- 2. Consider verses 4 and 5. Verse 5 seems to tell us why what we read in verse 4 is true. Discuss that.
- 3. In verses 6 and 7 David speaks of God's creation and follows that in verses 8 and 9 telling us how we should respond. Discuss that.
- 4. In verses 10 to 12, David speaks of God's working in regard to the nations. How do you see this playing out in today's world?
- 5. In verses 13 through 17 David narrows it down from God's working with nations to working with men. He tells us that God knows the hearts and deeds of all men. Do you think the unsaved are aware to any degree of God's intimate knowledge of them?
- 6. Read verses 18 and 19. Do you think it's possible that believers can lose that consciousness of God's intimate knowledge of them (see also Psalm 139:1-6)?
- 7. Verse 21 says. "Our heart is glad in Him." How could/should that carry you through each day