**Preparing for What is Ahead Study Guide and Small Group Discussion Questions (Psalm 16)**

In David’s most trying times, he chooses to be content and to be at peace with God. He reminds himself that even though challenges are pressing him on each side, God’s invitation to be comforted and to be given counsel is always available. David remains committed to God as his Lord and his Inheritance, enabling his tongue to rejoice and his heart to be glad.

*Preserve me, O God, for in you* ***I take refuge****.*

What does God being a refuge mean to you personally? Remember a time when this truth has been so relevant to you, and share with your groupmates.

What are some hindrances that keep us from going to God during times of trouble? How can you develop the discipline of taking refuge in God?

***2****I say to the Lord, “****You are my Lord****;
    I have no good apart from you.”*

Where do people usually find “good things” in their lives? How do these “good things” compare to the good that Jesus brings?

Are there aspects of your life wherein Jesus is not completely Lord or Master? Why do you think people, even Christians, are hesitant to surrender everything to Jesus?

***6****The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
    indeed,* ***I have a beautiful inheritance****.*

Aside from God’s eternal presence, what other inheritance has God promised to us? How do these inheritances compare to what we have in our earthly life?

How should we respond knowing that we have God as our beautiful inheritance and that we have other rewards in store for us in heaven?

***7****I bless the****Lord who gives me counsel****;
    in the night also my heart instructs me.*

In what ways are you seeking God’s counsel in your life? In what ways are you applying the counsel God gives you?