

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 31

1. **What is the Psalmist praying for in Psalm 51? Why? What does the Psalmist promise to do in return for this prayer being answered?**

2. **What is so disturbing to the Psalmist in Psalm 55? What does he ask of God in his prayer?**

3. **What is the main theme running through Psalms 56-64? What is the main theme of Psalms 65-68? What is the main theme of Psalm 69? What pattern do you see developing in the Psalmist's writings?**

4. **In what Book of the Old Testament can you find the words that are echoed by the Psalmist in Psalm 67:1? When, why, and by whom were these words first used? Why do you think the Psalmist uses them again in Psalm 67?**

5. **According to Paul, who will receive salvation from God? How do we know? Is religion a determining factor for salvation? Why or why not?**

6. **What is righteousness? Can human beings be righteous according to Paul? Why or why not?**

7. **What is Paul's Christology (i.e. what does he believe about Jesus Christ)? What was the purpose for Christ becoming incarnate in the person of Jesus of Nazareth? According to Paul, what is the significance of Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection? How does Paul explain the correlation between those events and baptism?**

8. **What is the human dilemma that Paul describes in Romans 7? Can we resolve this inner struggle ourselves? Why or why not? Who can help us? How?**