**HE EQUIPS US**

Psalm 18:1–50

#### Key Verse: 18:32, “the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.”

1. Who is the author and what is the setting (see opening note; cf. 2 Sam.22)? What does the psalmist first say to and about God (1–3)? What kind of man would say these things?
2. How are God and his salvation described (4–15), and why is prayer so important (6)? How has God shown his care for his servant, and why (16–19)?
3. How has the LORD dealt with the psalmist, and why (20–24)? What can we learn here about God (25–27)? What has the psalmist experienced (28–29)? What else has he learned about God (30)?
4. What does the psalmist ask, and why (31)? In what ways has God helped him (32–36)? How did God give him victory in battle (37–42)? How can we be equipped with strength from God, and why is this important (2,32,39; cf. Eph.3:16–18; 6:10–11; 1 Pet.4:11)?
5. How did God exalt his servant (43–48), and how does this look forward to Jesus? How does the psalmist respond to this (49)? What does he conclude (50), and what can we learn from this?