

## PURE WORDS: The Gospel According to Psalm 12

## STUDY GUIDE

Opening discussion: Have you ever felt outnumbered? Explain!

## Read 1-4

- What information are we given about this Psalm and how does it help us to understand it?
- What's the problem with flattery? Explain and describe the poison of flattery as compared to the gracious gift of encouragement (see Romans 12:8 where 'exhortation' has the same idea as 'encouragement').
- What big lies do we encounter today in our culture?

## Read 5-8

- How do God's words contrast with human words?
- Why is the purity of God's word important?
- How does this Psalm direct us to Jesus and his experience? Can you find any parallels?
- What challenge and/or comfort is here for us in Psalm 12?

**See also:** Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:12, one of the sections of Psalm 119, 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

**PRAY TOGETHER**: For those who are feeling outnumbered and surrounded, and for all of us to delight in God's holy and perfect Word.