

Table Group

Week of September 27, 2021

Psalm 26

¹ Establish justice for me, Lord,
because I have walked with
integrity. I've trusted
the Lord without wavering.

² Examine me, Lord; put me to the
test! Purify my mind and my heart.

³ Because your faithful love is right
in front of me—
I walk in your truth!

⁴ I don't spend time with people up
to no good; I don't keep company
with liars.

⁵ I detest the company of evildoers,
and I don't sit with wicked
people.

⁶ I wash my hands—they are
innocent! I walk all around your
altar, Lord,

⁷ proclaiming out loud my thanks,
declaring all your wonderful
deeds!

⁸ I love the beauty of your
house, Lord; I love the place where
your glory resides.

⁹ Don't gather me up with the
sinners, taking my life along with
violent people

¹⁰ in whose hands are evil
schemes, whose strong hands are
full of bribes.

¹¹ But me? I walk with integrity.
Save me! Have mercy on me!

¹² My feet now stand on level
ground. I will bless the Lord in the
great congregation.

Private prayer is different than publicly offered prayers. Grammar and flowery language doesn't matter - not for public prayers, and especially not for private prayers. Prayer is about pouring out our hearts to God. How have you poured out your heart to God recently? How can this Psalm help direct your prayer life?

Ponder these questions and share as you are comfortable:

- *What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?*
- *What temptations have you met with?*
- *How were you delivered?*
- *What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?*
- *Have you nothing you desire to keep secret?*