

**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
**Psalm 16 – Confidence in the face of Death**

What are some of the big difficulties we face in life? How do we feel about the fact that one day we will die?

**Read Psalm 16.**

What can we learn from this psalm about the crisis that David was facing?

What is David's response to this crisis in vv.1-2?

How is David's response different from that of others in v.4?

In what ways is our society's response to death and suffering similar to these other people in v.4?

*The language in vv5-6 picks up the book of Joshua where God divides up the land and gives each tribe a portion as their inheritance. This inheritance is perpetual as long as God is with them as their rock and refuge.*

How does David apply these ideas to himself and his present crisis?

In verses 5-8, what are the outcomes of having God at the centre of David's life?

Verses 9-11 are a statement of David's confidence in God. What exactly is he confident that God will do?

**Applying to Jesus**

**Read Acts 2:22-32.** How does Peter apply Psalm 16 to Jesus? Whilst David probably meant avoidance of death rather than resurrection, how is resurrection a faithful implication of what God promises in this psalm?

**Applying to us**

What are the aspects of our lives we consider important? How might the resurrection challenge those? How should it change what is important to us?

What are the ways we seek to find security and safety in life? How might what we seek change in light of the resurrection and God's promise in Psalm 16?