

# Loving God Back: by loving Him desperately Psalm 50.1-15

*Focus: On exalting God rather than insulting Him by calling on His name in times of trouble and giving Him thanks for His deliverance.*

## RESOURCES:

*Here is a link to a helpful short bible study by John Piper on this passage:*

<http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/god-does-not-need-you>

## Discussion:

- ever been to court? Have someone share their experience with a judge's authority in court.
- Read Ps. 50.1-6. How is this like a courtroom scene? And what kind of judge is God revealing Himself to be?
- Read verses 7-13. Why is God judging His own people? Why was their worship being rejected? What is the main teaching about God that lies behind this? How can we make the same blunder as they did, and insult God by making Him small?
- Read verse 14-15. How can you glorify God in your day of trouble? What would that look like as you run up against smaller daily troubles?
- Share how you need to bring your troubles more to God rather than working them out in your own. Share how you can build thankfulness more consistently into your days. What must you do to exalt, rather than insult God?

## 2016 Annual Priority:

*To establish a greater devotion to believing and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.*

