

Songs of Ascents

“Woe is Me”

Psalm 120 (p. 516)

How do you get from woe to joy?

- **A Prayer that is answered**

Sometimes, God calms the storm wi i>n |, but not the storm we’re in.

- **A Judgment that is anticipated**

Death and Hell will come swiftly and surely for sinners who don’t repent.

- **A Culture that is adversarial**

If Christians fear controversy they won’t be biblical, but if they like controversy they aren’t being biblical.

One day, something is going to happen to this world and everything sad is going to come untrue in the New Jerusalem.

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. What were the Songs of Ascent? What was the purpose of God's people going to Jerusalem? (Deut. 12:5-7) The first Song of Ascent was a lament. Why might a lament be part of the preparation to rejoice?
3. Christians are exiles in this world, it is not our home. (Read 1 Pet. 1:1; 2:11; Heb. 11:13) What does this mean? How does it related to Ps. 120:5-7? Talk about the statement just under the 3rd bullet point on the Listening Guide.
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
5. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
6. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
7. How were you encouraged by this passage?
8. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?