

Songs of Ascents

Delighting In Gathered Worship
Psalm 122 (p.517)

Old Testament Jerusalem: The Meeting Place Of God And His Gathered People

New Testament Church: The Meeting Place Of God And His Gathered People

The Expression Of Delight In Gathered Worship (vs 1-2)

The Reasons For Delight In Gathered Worship (vs 3-5)

The Prayer Of Delight In Gathered Worship (vs 6-7)

The Commitments Of Delight In Gathered Worship (vs 8-9)

Jesus is our tabernacle and temple.

He dwells powerfully in the midst of His People, the Church. The Church is our Jerusalem (city of peace) until the new eternal Jerusalem comes.

Application

- Through Christ, we have even greater reason than the Psalmist to delight in gathered worship with God's people.
- Flowing out of gratitude and joy in the gospel, will you delight yourself in the gathered worship of God's church with great expression, great reasons, great prayers, and great commitments?

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. Read Psalm 122. How might we be tempted to fixate on the physical descriptions of the physical city of Jerusalem and miss the point of the Psalm? What is at the core of what the Psalmist is expressing His delight in?
3. How might we, as New Testament believers, restate in our own words what the Psalmist is delighting in? In other words, how do we best see this Psalm in light of Christ.
4. Would this Psalm be an accurate portrayal of your attitude towards gathered worship with God's church? Would you (or others) say that you are marked by expression of delight, reasons for delight, prayer of delight, and commitments of delight in the gathered worship of the local church? Why or why not?
5. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
6. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
7. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
8. How were you encouraged by this passage?
9. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?