

Songs of Ascents

Israel & Jesus

Psalm 129 (p 518)

The Nation of Israel

Lamenting their afflictions

Remembering their deliverance

Cursing their enemies

The Person of Jesus

Jesus is the true Israel, who succeeds where old covenant Israel failed.

His afflictions

His deliverance

His enemies

They will perish, never knowing the blessing of God.

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. Talk about the connection between Christ and Israel suggested in Hos. 11:1. Think about these parallels: "out of Egypt", through the water, tested in the wilderness. What was the difference between Jesus and Israel?
3. Talk about Psalm 129:3 and Isaiah 50:6 and 53:5. Jesus bore the curse so those who trust him would not face the just fate called for at the end of Ps. 129. Find the text in the NT that refers to Jesus bearing sin's curse. (hint- Galatians)
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?