

Songs of Ascents

Restore Our Fortunes, O LORD

Ps. 126 (p. 517)

Remembering God's past mercies fuels our hope in future mercies.

Recounting Past Mercies

God's wondrous works are not only for our good but for the sake of the nations.

Petitioning With Faith For New Mercies

The God who brings renewal: streams in the desert.

The God who brings reversal: from tears to joy.

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. We look to Christ's finished work on the cross as the ultimate restoration in the past (Col. 1:12-14), and await his return as the ultimate restoration in the future (Phil 4:20-21). Can you share any other significant times you can look back on to recount God's "wondrous works" in your life? Are there any future works of renewal or reversal that you're currently petitioning God for in prayer?
3. Psalm 126 is considered a community lament. What might it look like for our church to corporately lament and petition God to act again with power and bring renewal?
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?