

Songs of Ascents

The Mercy of Forgiveness– Ps. 130 (518)

Singing to the LORD

Crying

These are not pleas for justice but for m e r c y.

Confidence

God doesn't mark the iniquities of those who seek his mercy in f o r g i v e n e s s.

Singing of the LORD

Expectation

God has promised in his word, that everything s a d is going to come untrue one day.

Exhortation

All of those chosen by God will be redeemed from all their iniquities, so h o p e in the LORD.

"...in whom (Jesus) we have redemption, the f o r g i v e n e s s of sins."

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. Notice "the depths", "I cry", and "my pleas for mercy" as you read Ps. 130:1-2. How do these words reveal the vastness of our sin and the great desperation and complete dependence of those who seek the mercy of forgiveness?
3. Focus on Ps. 130:5-6 and notice several connections with 1 Pet. 1:19 (according to Rev. 22:16 Jesus is the "morning star"). We are longingly waiting for the new day that will come when Christ returns.
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?