

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**My Soul Waits for the Lord**

PSALM 130

OBSERVE, INTERPRET & APPLY // PSALM 130

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: In the depths of sorrow, we can repeatedly plea for mercy from the Lord as we wait upon the Lord.

1. Read Psalm 130.
 2. Notice how the Psalmist describes his condition in verses 1-2. What are the "depths" the Psalmist finds himself in?
 3. Notice the repetition of "cry to you," "hear my voice," and "pleas of mercy"? What does this repetition tell us about the Psalmist? What does it tell us about the way he sees the character of the Lord?
 4. What's the significance that he says "pleas of mercy" (plural) and not just "plea for mercy" (singular)? How does this apply to our own lives?
 5. In verses 3-4, what does the Psalmist call to mind?
 6. What does it mean that the Lord "may be feared"?
 7. In verses 5-6, discuss how the Psalmist describes waiting? How do his words map onto what we've seen in Psalm 42 and Romans 8? How do his words map onto our own lives?
 8. In verse 7, the Psalmist switches from "I" and "my" to speak to "O Israel." What's the significance of this switch? How does this inform our life together as a congregation? How can we help each other wait on the Lord in ways we can't do alone?
 9. What reasons does the Psalm give for Israel to hope in the Lord? What's the Lord's "steadfast love"? What does it mean "with him there is plentiful redemption"?
 10. Notice that verse 8 says the Lord will "redeem Israel from all his iniquities." How will the Lord do this? How does this point us to the cross? How does this point us to heaven, full and final redemption?
- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How is your soul during this time of quarantine? Are there areas where you can give the Lord praise?