

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for May 17, 2020

Sermon Notes

I Will Wait for the Lord

Psalm 130

Psalm 130 is entitled *A Song of Ascents*. It was recited or sung as God's people journeyed to Jerusalem to keep the feasts of the Lord. As they made their way to gather for worship this Psalm helped them turn their hearts to the Lord. The Psalms of Ascent have been called Songs for the Journey.

As we journey through these strange and difficult days, it's good for us to consider this psalm and think on its themes. Those who have placed their faith in Christ for salvation are trusting that God is faithful and caring towards his own. Yet we often experience great pain and adversity that would seem to suggest otherwise. Psalm 130 addresses this tension. The Psalmist reminds us that God hears our cries for mercy, and that our need for that mercy goes much deeper than our external circumstances. Our deepest need is God's forgiveness. Our cries for mercy depend on his willingness to hear and forgive. That forgiveness springs forth from God's character – his holiness, his faithfulness to his Word, his covenant love and his abundant grace.

Genuine worship flows from the heart that is willing to trust God and wait on him; willing to trust him and his word, willing to rest in the reality of the salvation we have in Christ. This is the basis of our hope. That hope will never be disappointed; that hope will never put us to shame. (Rom 5:5)

I Cry Out for Mercy as I Wait for the Lord vv1-2

I Am Covered with Forgiveness, and Should Be Filled with Fear as I Wait for the Lord vv3-4

I Am Hopeful as I Wait for the Lord vv5-6

I Rejoice in His Salvation as I Wait for the Lord vv7-8

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

What are the I'll effects on our spiritual walk when we forget our need for mercy and grace?

What has this present season taught you about waiting, and especially about waiting on the Lord?

What has this season taught you about worship within the waiting?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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