

GROWTH GUIDE

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CHRISTMAS SONGS
SONG OF HOPE | PSALM 130
FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

1. I will cry to God for help. Psalm 130:1-2
2. I will think rightly about my sin. Psalm 130:3-4
3. I will wait for the Lord. Psalm 130:5-6
4. I will believe in His steadfast love. Psalm 130:7-8

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Check for understanding: what's the difference between LORD and Lord when we see those different capitalizations in the Bible? What significance might the writer be trying to get across by using those different names for God?
2. Looking back at the passage and your notes, what was something that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or you have questions about?
3. While we don't have the sacrificial system anymore, we still need to be reminded of our sin. Why? Since we're not about to start sacrificing animals, what sort of reminders do we have or can we build into our lives about our sin and the price it cost?
4. At one time or another, we all find it difficult to be patient. What about waiting is so hard? Like a watchman (v6) this type of biblical waiting is not a passive waiting but an active waiting. What does this biblical, active waiting look like? In other words, what should we do, desire, and think (or not do) in our waiting?
5. Many of us have gone through several advent/Christmas seasons as believers, and that familiarity or yearly routine can cause the amazing truths that we're supposed to be celebrating less impactful. What can we do this year to make the season more intentional and maturing in our walk with Christ?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Walk through how you typically respond when you're in trouble or distress. Do you go to God first, or at all? What else do you do in response? Are there other things you've recently found yourself going to first instead of crying out to God?
2. Share a trial or other problem that God is using in your life right now to reveal something that needs to be fixed and how you see God working through that.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for sending his Son, so that we can stand and have hope (v3).
2. Pray for the faith to wait patiently on the Lord and trust in His steadfast love.
3. Ask God to make a way for the true purpose of the Christmas season to have a fresh impact on your walk with Christ.