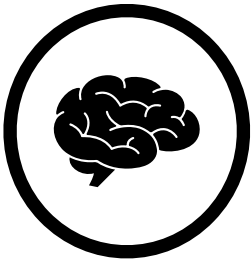


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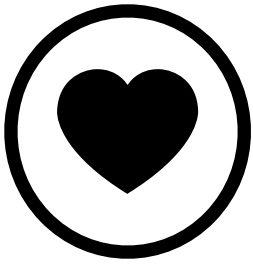
2nd April 2023 | A song worth singing | Psalm 118



Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. What call introduces the Psalm? And why do you think the Psalmist begins (vs.1) and ends (vs.29) with this phrase?
2. What reasons does the Psalmist give for practicing thanksgiving?
3. What situation do you think the psalmist is describing in verse 5 and 10-12?
4. How does the Psalmist respond to God's deliverance?
5. Read vs.18 - what do you think this verse means and how does it fit with the rest of the Psalm? What might be the reasons for the Psalmist being disciplined? Compare this verse with Hebrews 12:4-7.
6. Psalm 118 is frequently quoted Psalm in the New Testament - mark out which verses seem familiar?
7. This is the final song in the Hallel (Psalms sang at Passover) and would have been the final hymn Jesus sang (Matthew 26:30). How might this hymn have strengthened Jesus for what lay ahead?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu suggested that the Psalm was written by David and likely relates to bringing the Ark into Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15). Would you agree?
2. How does this Psalm encourage us when we are facing difficulties as the Psalmist did?
3. How can we 'take refuge in the Lord'? What would this look like on a normal day?
4. Stu connected the Psalm to the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem? Which verses connect most strongly with Palm Sunday?
5. What does it mean to have Jesus as our cornerstone and capstone? How does this find expression in your life?
6. What confidence does verse 17 give to us?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. What practical steps can we take this week to trust the Lord with each days needs?
2. Spend time writing down the things that you are thankful for and repeat them throughout this week.
3. What offering of praise could you offer to the Lord today in anticipation of His help?

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response