

# THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY OF OUR WAITING

## PSALM 130

### CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – MAY 18, 2025

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#### SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalms 130*

*1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!*

*2 O Lord, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive*

*to the voice of my pleas for mercy!*

*3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,*

*O Lord, who could stand?*

*4 But with you there is forgiveness,*

*that you may be feared.*

*5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,*

*and in his word I hope;*

*6 my soul waits for the Lord*

*more than watchmen for the morning,*

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*7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!*

*For with the LORD there is steadfast love,*

*and with him is plentiful redemption.*

*8 And he will redeem Israel*

*from all his iniquities.*

#### ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Share about a time when you had to wait anxiously for something important (like test results, a job offer, or news from a loved one). How did you handle the waiting period? What helped you get through it?

#### SERMON RECAP

- **The Depths of Sin:** Psalm 130 begins with the psalmist crying out to God from “the depths” of sin, recognizing that no one could stand if God kept track of our iniquities.
- **The God of Forgiveness:** Despite our sin, God offers forgiveness, steadfast love, and plentiful redemption that should lead us to fear (stand in awe of) him.
- **Waiting on the Lord:** The psalmist teaches us to wait for and hope in the Lord himself and his Word, not just for our circumstances to change.
- **MAPS Method:** The sermon demonstrated how to engage with Scripture using the MAPS method: Meditate and Memorize, Apply, Pray, and Share God’s Word.
- **Key Truth:** “The God who is able to save you from your sins is absolutely able to bring you through any storms” that life in this sinful, fallen world brings.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Observation:** *What does the passage say?*

1. How does the psalmist describe his situation at the beginning of the psalm? What metaphor does he use to convey his condition?
2. What repeated words or phrases did you notice in this psalm? Why might the author have emphasized these particular



words?

3. According to verses 7-8, what specific attributes of God does the psalmist highlight as reasons for hope?

***Interpretation: What does the passage mean?***

1. In verse 4, the psalmist says, “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” How does God’s forgiveness lead to fear or awe of him? Why is this significant?
2. The psalmist compares his waiting for the Lord to “watchmen for the morning” (v.6). What does this imagery suggest about the nature of waiting for God?
3. How does this psalm point to Jesus and the gospel? Where do you see connections between the psalmist’s cry for redemption and what Christ accomplished?

***Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?***

1. The sermon emphasized the MAPS method for engaging with Scripture (Meditate and Memorize, Apply, Pray, Share). Which of these aspects is strongest in your daily time with God? Which needs the most growth, and what practical step can you take this week to strengthen it?
2. The psalmist moved from crying out “from the depths” to hoping in God’s steadfast love and redemption. Share about a time when God’s forgiveness transformed your perspective during a difficult season. How did that experience change your view of God?
3. The sermon concluded with this truth: “The God who is able to save you from your sins is absolutely able to bring you through any storms.” What “storm” are you currently facing that you need to trust God with? How might focusing on God’s character rather than your circumstances change your approach to this situation?
4. Verse 4 states, “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” How might meditating on God’s forgiveness change your worship this week? What specific sin do you need to trust to God’s forgiveness today?