

Small group optional guide: a Prayer of a suffering community

UP; we grow in our love for Jesus through His word and worship

WORD: Psalm 44 a Prayer of community: Lamenting through unresolved, unfair, inexplicable suffering

Content

Part 1 Victories (v1-8 Selah) starts off great

Part 2 Rejected (v9-16) but you have rejected us

Part 3 Innocent (v17-22) but we have not forsaken you!

Part 4 Rise up! (v23-26) awake – why are you sleeping!

Lessons

1) God encourages and inspires us to pour out our hurt and frustration – so He can heal our hearts

2) This community are close; They suffer together, they share their suffering;

v14 You have made US a byword among the nations...15 All day long MY disgrace is before ME...

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Revelation; how do I find hope through him who loves me?

“How does this psalm sound when we listen to it from the lips of Jesus.” Bonhoeffer

Part 1 Victories (v1-8) Jesus’ 3 years of ministry

Part 2 Rejected (v9-16) Jesus’ trial and crucifixion

Part 3 Innocent (v17-22) Why have you forsaken me?

Part 4 Rise up! (v23-26) Unfailing love himself rose!

Psalm 44 speaks of his community’s suffering as it were his own: this is Jesus! Without Jesus I am left in psalm 44 with unresolved, unfair, inexplicable suffering...BUT we are united with Christ and (Romans 8:37) we have hope through him who loves us.

RESPONSE

the experience of anguish and puzzlement in the life of faith is not a sign of deficient faith”...it is a sign that you need Jesus

In your small group love those suffering

Join a small group and stand together

3) If you are suffering respond now, let us stand with you in love and prayer

Every small group have Cluster leaders who are there to encourage, support and pray for them. If there are significant pastoral issues that cannot be supported in the small group then these issues are shared with the Cluster Leaders who communicate with the Pastoral and Eldership team at JCC.

WORSHIP

Raise a hallelujah / Great are you Lord / This I believe
I stand amazed in the presence / Worthy of it all

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The serving fayre was so encouraging with 9 people signing up to serve in week-day teams and 26 signing up to Sunday teams. Please could you discuss where you serve and if there is an area you feel that you could serve the Lord; either on a weekday or Sunday morning.

We want to glorify Jesus when we gather on a Sunday morning and make our services accessible and welcoming to all. This can only happen when we serve together, as a family, so we encourage everyone to serve somewhere.

Please look at the below serving areas, and if there is an area you can serve the Lord here at JCC, contact office@jcceg.co.uk with the area and your contact details.

All Sunday serving teams operate a 3-team rota so you serve 1 week in 3.

Sunday morning Serving Sign-up

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Team	Time	Like to join?
Chairs set up, pack down	8am - 9am & 11:30 - 12:30	
Welcome Team	9am - 11:45am	
Sound and Visuals	8am - 11:45am	
Worship	8am - 11:45am	
0-18's (Sparklers, Blaze & Glo)	8:30am - 11:45am	
0-18s 1:1 support helpers	10:15am - 11:30am	

Weekday Serving Sign-up

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Day	Team	Time	Like to join?
Monday	Little stars pre-school group	9am - 11:30am	
	Short mat bowls over 65s	1:30pm - 4pm	
Tuesday	Link Up meal over 65s once a month	12:30pm - 3:30pm	
Wednesday	The Hub; over 18s community club	11am - 3pm	
Friday	Glo youth group	7pm - 10pm	
Adhoc and other serving opportunities		Like to join?	
Catering team			
Jubilee Community café (Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm)			
Garden and building help			
Pastoral team			
Small group core 4 leadership			