

Relate Group Questions

December 29, 2019

Ice Breaker Question: Have you ever sung a solo? Is it harder to sing in front of a group of people or speak to them? Why?

Relate Group Value: Evangelism – as a group, being committed to expanding the community of believers through such things as sharing your faith, encouraging people to come to the group, and other types of outreach.

Sermon Title: Exalting Your Highest Joy

Sermon Text: Psalm 137

Other Relevant Scriptures: Obadiah 8-14; Leviticus 19:17-18; Matthew 5:44; Revelation 6:9-10

1. When does this psalm take place? What is the mood of the exiled musicians (verses 1-3)?
2. Why do their captors demand songs (verse 3)? Why is this an offensive request?
3. Why is remembering Jerusalem so important to the psalmist?
4. What had Edom done (verse 7, Obadiah 8-14)? What does the psalmist wish for them in return?
5. What does he wish for Babylon? What must the Babylonians have done to the Jews?
6. Have you or a loved one experienced deep grief? Did you “hang your lyres”? Or were you pressured to keep playing and singing as before? When is it okay to hang our lyres?
7. Is it ever permitted for us to indulge in personal hatred and vengeance (Leviticus 19:17-18; Matthew 5:44)? What is different from that and praying for punishment for those who oppress God’s people (Revelation 6:9-10)?

Weekly Check-up:

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

In what ways are you serving in our church?

Are you consistently giving to support the mission of our church?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?

Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?

What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?