



#3: Psalm 122 – Growth Group Discussion

WARM UP: What is one song that “pumps you up” for a walk/run/work-out?

What is one of the most memorable large group gatherings you’ve been a part of?

PSALM 122 DISCUSSION:

- V1: What caused the psalmist to rejoice?

Who are some people who’ve really encourage you in your faith?

Has there ever been a time God used you to encourage a struggling Christ-follower?

- V2: What are some buildings/cities you’ve visited that have inspired you to worship God?
- V3: Scholars agree that this verse is metaphorical, symbolizing God’s people worshipping in unity. Pastor Dan shared a quote from Rupertus Meldenius – ***“In the essentials unity, in the non-essential liberty, in all things charity.”***
 - How do you determine what the essentials are?
 - What are some practical ways that Christ-followers can help build up the unity of the church?
- V4: Pastor Dan shared, ***“While Scripture is clear that we can encounter and worship God at any time or place, it is also clear that God intends for His people to gather at a set time and place.”***
 - What do you gain from gathering and worshipping with God’s people above and beyond what you gain from worshipping God alone?
 - What obstacles, if any, do you struggle with in gathering regularly with the church for worship?

- V6-8: “Peace” means so much more than the mere absence of conflict. What more is involved with the idea?

- V9: The psalmist didn’t *just* pray for the prosperity of Jerusalem (and God’s people). He also said, **“I will seek your prosperity.”**
 - What practical ways can a Christ-follower seek the prosperity of his church?

- Have you ever struggled valuing or prioritizing a commitment to the church?
 - If so, what were the issues?

 - How does Jesus’ love for and commitment to the church leave no room for a Christian “check out” on church?

- The core membership commitments at MWC are 1) Gathering Regularly, 2) Serving Selflessly, 3) Growing Personally, 4) Grouping Intentionally, and 5) Giving Faithfully?
 - In what area are you the strongest?

 - In what area do you need to “up your game”?

If you haven’t yet, take some time to agree on and commit to a way of **SERVING TOGETHER** as a group. If you need some ideas, contact Pastor Bryan (bryan.pohlen@mitchellwesleyan.com).