



#4: Psalm 123 – Growth Group Discussion

WARM UP: What is one musical instrument you'd love to learn?

PSALM 123 DISCUSSION:

- V1: The Psalmist refers to God with reverence and respect, acknowledging his authority as the most high.
 - For you personally, what does it mean to treat God “who sits enthroned in heaven” with reverence and respect?
 - Whether positively or negatively, what affects our ability to look to God with the reverence of verse one?
- V2: In this verse, the Psalmist provides the picture of slave and master as an image for total reliance.
 - Can you think of an example where you truly felt entirely reliant on God?
 - Was there ever a time you felt reluctant to be reliant on God? Why?
 - When asking for a clear picture of God’s will in a given moment, He doesn’t always respond as quickly as we’d like. This of course doesn’t mean we sit back lazily until finally called upon.
 - What does it look like for us to wait in anticipation for the master’s words, even when they aren’t given as quickly as we’d like?
- V3: Contempt is defined often as a way in which people are treated as worthless or idiotic.
 - What are some common views of Christians today that are treated with contempt?
 - Why do you think some views of Christianity are treated in this way?

- V4: Pastor Riley shared that part of understanding Psalm 123 today is knowing that we are to love those who treat us with contempt. When facing those situations, we don't typically retaliate, but our attitudes are challenged.
 - What thoughts tend to run through your head when faced with difficult people?
 - How does one, while looking to God, endure ridicule and contempt without bitterness and frustration?
- Pastor Riley said that the only way to freedom is as a servant to Christ. Becoming slaves to righteousness means giving every bit of our will over to God.
 - Whether big or small, where might you be holding back from total submission?
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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).