



How Long, O Lord?

Psalm 13

Sunday, April 19, 2020

_____ : Answer Me, O Lord! (13:3-4)

- 3 requests:

1.

2.

3.

- 3 reasons:

1.

2.

3.

_____ : I will sing to the Lord! (13:5-6)

- 3 expressions of trust:

1.

2.

3.

_____ : How long, O Lord? (13:1-2)

- 4 questions:

1.

2.

3.

4.

How long, Lord? It's a question we're all asking as the Covid-19 crisis drags on. It's a question that's asked across the Psalms and it's the leading question of Psalm 13, the next study in our "Hope for a Hurting World" series. . . .



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Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

Connecting Together

David asks, "How long, O Lord?" What has been the most common question of your heart during this Covid-19 crisis?

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Read Psalm 13 together. How did you come under God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you? What did you learn or what were you reminded of in this study?
2. Psalm 13 is neat and clean in its structure. Where are the "turns" in the text and what do you notice in each of the 3 parts?
3. Reflect on David's long 10 year trial. What have been some of the long term trials and struggles in your own life? Have you been able

to discern the work of God across these seasons?

4. Does it make any difference for you if Psalm 13 is not a progression, but a bundle of things all happening in David's soul at the same time (questioning, pleading and trusting)? We often want a relationship with God to be neat and clean and we often talk about it like it is, but for most of us, most of the time, it's not. It's messy. How do we embrace a messy spirituality?
5. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** What are ways we can help one another embrace a messy spirituality?
6. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** Do you believe not-yet-Christians see in most Christians a real, gritty, messy spirituality? If not what do they see? What are ways we can let not-yet-Christians see our questioning and pleading, but also our trusting, rejoicing and singing?

Praying Together

- With Psalm 13 in hand, take time to question, plead and trust together through prayer.
- Pray for one another's needs.