



Purley Baptist Church

Discipleship Guide 19th April 2020

Psalm 130

This Week's BIG IDEA: This psalm reveals the wonderful process of forgiveness. It takes us on the pilgrim's journey from the depths of guilt and despair into the heights of knowing that God has fully redeemed him. The psalm is split into 4 couplets acting as milestones along the journey of forgiveness: **(1) A cry v.1-2, (2) A confession v. 3-4, (3) A commitment v.5-6, (4) A renewed confidence v.7-8.**

CONNECT UP and IN: Fix your eyes on God and give him an opportunity to speak to you through his Word

- 1) Are contemporary Christians too dismissive about sin? Where is the balance between being too gloomy versus careless? (vv.1-2)
- 2) How is forgiveness from God and fear of God related? (vv.3-4)
- 3) How might forgiven people serve God?
- 4) Why must we wait on God? Why would God not immediately answer the prayers of those that want to know him more intimately? What is the significance of this 'waiting' as it relates to the role of the watchman? (vv.5-6)
- 5) What mountains are you facing in life? How does knowing God's 'lovingkindness' and that you are 'fully redeemed' enable you to face the mountains?

CONNECT OUT as a group to serve the world around you

It's been great to hear how those in the church have been reaching out to others. Here's some things that people have been doing...

Someone has starting phoning the people on their contacts list and has found that this is not only encouraging for other people but for them as well. All offers of prayer have been accepted so far.

Another person found some old wood in their shed and made a large cross from it and placed it in the front garden, on Good Friday they placed a crown of thorns on the cross and on Easter Sunday they put the words - 'he's not here - he is risen' on it.

Someone who lives on a street where a WhatsApp groups has been started wished everyone a Happy Easter and said they went to church and offered to pray for people. So far one person has asked for prayer.

Someone else is sharing the reflections on the PBC website with work colleagues and friends.

Have you found people are more open to hear about Jesus during this season? Share your own stories.

Heartbeat

Thy Kingdom Come (This Wednesday 22nd April 8pm). We would love it if you could join our **virtual prayer meeting via 'Zoom'**-

Join Zoom Meeting via this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76847979695?pwd=SXFrTTlXUzd2YXE0eIBPSTc2WmtFQT09>

Meeting ID: 768 4797 9695

Password: 940475

Using Zoom tips:

- Join early – up to 5 minutes before the meeting start time
- If you haven't used Zoom before click the link to download Zoom prior to the day of the meeting and familiarise yourself with any features you may need to use on the day – mute/unmute microphone, stop/start video etc.
- Have your video on unless you are experiencing connection issues
- Find a quiet space without interruptions / background noise
- Have a plain background – avoid backlight from bright windows
- Have good lighting on your face so we can see you!
- Adjust your camera to be at around eye level if possible – especially take note of the angle of your laptop screen if using the built-in camera.

If you don't have the technology for this, we invite you to join with us by praying in your home, with the notes that will have been emailed to you. Perhaps phone a friend and pray with them.