



PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

AUGUST 13, 2017

READING THE WORD

Psalm 44

DISCUSSING THE WORD

1. What is your initial impression after reading this Psalm?
2. What did the Psalmists hear that initially gave them hope? What impact do stories of God's faithfulness in others have upon us? (Psalm 44:1-3)
3. What events did the Psalmists remember that fortified their hope? (Psalm 44:4-8)
4. Who does the Psalmists blame for the crisis facing the country? (Psalm 44:9-16)
5. In what ways was the Psalmists defense of Israel's faithfulness misguided? (Psalm 44:17-22)
6. The Psalm ends with a plea for God to wake up and bring help. Do you think it is right to speak this way to God? (Psalm 44:23-26)

APPLYING THE WORD

1. Think of an experience in your life that led to disappointment with God. What factors contributed to your disappointment?
2. What do you think it implies that the Psalm ends without God's answer to the accusations, or man's relief from his pain? If you were God would you allow this Psalm to stand in Scripture without giving your perspective?
3. How would God have us respond when we find ourselves disappointed in Him, His plan, or His pace?