

Thank you to our guest preacher, Justin Pearson! Justin spoke from Psalm 126 about "Restoring Joy." Below are follow up question for you to consider related to the message.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be glad?
2. How does our culture offer us ways to restore or find joy in this life?
3. When we are in places of drought and dryness in life it can suck all joy out of our lives. Do you ever feel that way? Give examples.
4. What is the difference between grumbling and groaning?
5. When something is particularly challenging in your life, do you find yourself more inclined to grumble or groan before the Lord and others?
6. What do we see the people do in v. 4-6? How are they connected back to v. 1-3?
7. Why and how does looking back in remembrance enable us to look forward in hope? How does this affect our ability to have joy in the present?
8. How does remembering the mercy of God shown to you in Christ help you to have hope and joy now?
9. Take time to reflect on this—where would you honestly be right now if Jesus hadn't saved you?
10. How can we help one another remember and celebrate the mercy of God in order to have hope for the future and joy in the present?
11. How can we testify to the good things the Lord has done for us among our neighbors and the nations?

Announcements:

- This Sunday we welcomed [five new members](#) into our church family!
- We have many events coming up this fall! Take a look at the handouts we distributed this week for all the information you need to participate.
 - [Upcoming Events](#)
 - [Discipleship Opportunities](#) (Bible and book studies)
 - [Youth Ministry](#)
 - [Membership Explored Class](#)

Songs from Sunday ([Spotify Playlist](#)):

How Great Thou Art - Stuart Wesley and Keene Hine

Our Father - Brooke Ligertwood, Jonas Myrin, and Scott Ligertwood

Forever - Christa Black Gifford, Kari Jobe, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, and Joel Taylor

Great Things - Jonas Myrin and Phil Wickham

Christ Is Enough - Reuben Morgan and Jonas Myrin

Worship Leader: Matt McCartney

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Next week: guest speaker, Justin Pearson, will preach from Psalm 126