
SUMMER PSALMS

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 120

SERIES: Summer Psalms

TITLE: How to have peace in a peaceless world

BIG IDEA: Having peace means resting God through prayer, remembering our responsibilities, and knowing where our true home is.

TEXT

- 1 In my distress I called to the Lord,
and he answered me.
- 2 Deliver me, O Lord,
from lying lips,
from a deceitful tongue.
- 3 What shall be given to you,
and what more shall be done to you,
you deceitful tongue?
- 4 A warrior's sharp arrows,
with glowing coals of the broom tree!
- 5 Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
- 6 Too long have I had my dwelling
among those who hate peace.
- 7 I am for peace,
but when I speak, they are for war!

SWARTZ FBC LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE



1. PRAYER IS PRIMARY

Application Question: Who are you calling to?

- Why should prayer be a primary response instead of a secondary one?
- How does a person learn to pray?
 - o How does a person practice prayer as a spiritual discipline?
- What is the significance of the words “I called”, and “He answered” in verse 1?
- Why is there another plea in verse 2 if the writer just stated that the Lord answered in verse 1?

2. JUDGEMENT IS COMING, BUT WE ARE NOT THE JUDGE

Application Question: Do you trust that the sins of others do not require your judgement?

- Why is it important to realize that we are not the punishers of sin, but God is?
- How does this help us to remember our position and responsibility as believers?
- What happens to our heart and mind when we assume the responsibility of judge?
- How do we balance discernment and pursuing holiness without falling into the trap of casting judgement upon others in a sinful way?

3. HOME IS NOT HERE

Application Question: Where is home for you?

- What does it mean to live as a spiritual alien here?
- What comfort does it bring us to remember that this is not our ultimate home?
- How do we balance embracing the life the Lord has blessed us with here and the longing for our ultimate Spiritual home with Him in Heaven?