

## **Psalm 130 "I wait for the Lord"**

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1. (vs. 1) The psalmist cries out of the depths. *Read Psalm 69:1-3*. How is this description of drowning in the sea a helpful image to express the agony of feeling overwhelmed by our circumstances?
2. (vs. 6) There was no punctuation in Hebrew so if you wanted to emphasize something you would repeat it. The repeated phrase is "More than the night watch for the morning". In the sermon Tim gave two images that the psalmist would have been considering as a night watch – the shepherd watching the sheep – the soldier watching the wall. How do each of these images help us to understand what it looks like to wait on the Lord?
3. *Read Mark 5:21-43*. This is an example of having attention drawn to the character of God in our waiting. What is the character of Jesus displayed here? How can being attentive to this character help us to navigate the waiting as we cry out from the depths?
4. The forgiveness of sins the psalmist hopes in is not just an individual forgiveness but the utter restoration of all things. How can the hope of everything being made new by God help us to navigate the waiting as we cry out from the depths?
5. (vs. 7-8) In these verses there is a shift from singular to plural language – the psalmist points to the necessity of community in our waiting. How does a faith community support us in our waiting on the Lord?
6. (vs.3-4) The psalmist first thought after crying out from the depths is to the glory of the gospel – "we are far worse off than we could have imagined and far more loved than we could have dared dream". We see the fulfillment of this in Jesus' death and resurrection. How can our assurance in the work of Jesus help us to navigate the waiting as we cry out from the depths?