

March 13, 2022 – Small Group Questions
Read Psalm 129

1. How can stories and reports of Christian discrimination around the world serve to edify, form, and encourage us as Canadian Christians who are largely privilege and protected in our religious beliefs and freedoms?
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2. How have experiences of perceived discrimination been exaggerated or distorted or co-opted to serve and foment particular narratives of Christian persecution in our nation?
3. The psalmist remembers Israel's brutal history of persecution from the hands of their historic oppressors like the plowing of the backs of Jewish people. Their brutal history also testifies to God's salvation and His cutting the cords of the wicked every time. The cords refer to the ropes that bound the plowing machine together with the cattle or oxen. Cutting the cords renders the machine unusable. How have we seen God "cut the cords" of the wicked and dismantle the machinery of violence and evil in our lives?
4. The psalmist prays curses upon Israel's oppressors. The imprecatory psalms seem to run against the Christian principle of loving one's enemies. How are we invited as Canadian Christians to intentionally pray for God's justice upon evildoers and for the salvation of the oppressed in the world?