

Apr 3 - Psalm 132: “Looking Backward to See Forward”

Read Psalm 132

Contextually this psalm calls to mind the Davidic Covenant made between God and King

David which promises a future of God’s people together in Zion. This psalm calls this to mind in times of peace and in times of difficulty. In recounting what God has done for His people in the past, the Israelite’s look to the future as they know (From the past) that God will do as He has promised. This is particularly meaningful for Christians who now look to the fulfillment of this psalm in Jesus’ promised return. This invites a particular response from us as part of the Christian life is navigating life in between the promise of Christ’s return, and the present moment in which things in the world seem to suggest otherwise.

1. What sort of places might we feel a disconnect between what we read in scripture, and what we see in our lives?
2. As you read through the psalm, were there any verses or phrases that really stuck out to you?
3. Do you remember a time in your life where everything seemed to be against you? Where you needed God’s deliverance and couldn’t see it happen? How did God bring you through and hold you up during these times? This might be a good opportunity to share a vulnerable moment with the group.
4. Vs. 13-14 give a picture of God choosing a place and choosing rest. What might it say that God chooses a particular place and that this place is a place of rest?

5. When we look at Jesus' promise to come again, how do we think about our life here now? Are there any practices we can think of that would help ground us in the memory of God's promises and our hope for the future?