

A Call To Action

Psalm 143 / July 5, 2020

Psalm 143 is part of seven Psalms between 138-145. In this series of Psalms, it's one of four of lament. A lament is a cry for help or mercy. The Psalmist find themselves in a place where their expectations are not their reality. Psalm 143:1-6 laments the current circumstance and Psalm 143:7-12 asks God to guide them. This passage provides a practical prayer to see God in the crisis of our time.

Read Psalm 143

1. What are the problems facing the Psalmist in this passage?
2. How does Psalm 143:1-2 frame the whole prayer? What does the Psalmist understand about humanity and about God?
3. What's helpful and unhelpful about seeing humanity with the view of, "...no one living is righteous before you..."? (Psalm 143:2)
4. How is what the Psalmist is facing in this prayer similar to what we are facing in this season?
5. Describe how you understand "stretch out your hands" in Psalm 143:6. What's one area of your life that you are seeking God's help?
6. What's one way that God has been faithful in the past that can help you today? (Psalm 143:5)
7. What parts of the Psalmist prayer for guidance resonate with you the most? (Psalm 143:7-12)
8. Would you describe your engagement in Scripture as one of the following – flourishing, routine, or lacking? Why? (Psalm 143:5,8)
9. Would you describe your prayer life in one of the following descriptions – flourishing, routine, or lacking? Why? (Psalm 143:8-10)
10. In this season of crisis, what's one action or opportunity that might be God's way of leading you to "level ground?" (Psalm 143:10)

Close by praying Psalm 143 as a group.