



SPEAKING / WITH GOD

A STUDY IN THE PSALMS

GROUP GUIDE | JULY 26

Psalm 126 is part of a group of fifteen Psalms (120-134) called 'songs of ascent.' It's believed they were sung by Jewish pilgrims on one of the three major Jewish festivals celebrated every year (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles). This Psalm is a prayer for spiritual restoration. The celebration of a past memory as the basis for a present urgent appeal. A fitting challenge for us as the church today.

READ PSALM 126

1. Has God ever shown up in your life so unexpectedly that your first impulse was laughter? (see Genesis 18:10-15)
2. Can you think of any situations in the Old Testament that the writer could be referring to here? (see Ezra 1:1-4; Isaiah 37:36-37)
3. What New Testament passages first come to mind in terms of such dramatic action by God? (see Matthew 14:13-21; Acts 2:1-12)
4. Is there one particular place where you'd like to see God do a great thing in your life today?
5. How do the final verses paint a different picture in which God brings about joy in our lives (vs. 5-6)?

Lord restore the joy of my salvation as I go out in your strength to share the gospel message today.