

Even When You Can't See Me, I AM ... Here

Psalm 22

Sunday, September 29, 2019 – Pastor Cade Farris

Group Discussion Questions

(Select Questions that Will Create Discussion in Your Group)

Read Psalm 22

Read Psalm 22:7-8 and Matthew 27:41-44. How does it make you feel to realize that the religious leaders treated Jesus the way they did?

Read Psalm 22:14-16. When Jesus was suffering on the cross, how do you feel knowing that His suffering was predicted in this Psalm? (about 1,000 years before Jesus)

Read Isaiah 53:3-9. In what ways does Jesus identify with us in our suffering and affliction?

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Some people wrongly interpret Isaiah 53:5, “...and by His scourging we are healed,” to mean that God promises healing from sickness in this life to any believer who claims it. Many times, God does heal physical sickness in this life. But since this verse also speaks of *healing from sin*, how do you respond to someone living with chronic illness? Or with terminal illness? Or someone struggling with a sin problem?

Pastor Cade cited author and pastor Tim Keller’s book Reason For God, that on the cross Jesus identified with all humanity by taking on all our pain, our depression, our sin, our darkness. Describe a time when you felt the presence of God’s Spirit in your life helping you overcome any of these issues.

Describe a time in your life when you received comfort knowing the Jesus identified with you in every way, including your suffering, sadness, grief, pain, depressions, sin, etc.

Read Psalm 22:19-21. What comfort do you experience knowing that God hears every plea and prayer you utter?

How far off is God from you? How far off are you from God? How can you count on His presence, even when you *feel* like He is far away?

Read Psalm 22:22-31 and Hebrews 2:10-12. Since Jesus is not ashamed of us, what hope can you share with someone experiencing difficulties in life? How does Jesus give us hope?

Assignments for Next Meeting:

Pray for each member of your group by name this week.

Tell someone about Jesus – Who’s Your One?

Read Psalm 22 every day this week.

Be prepared to share how God is working in you at the next meeting.