

Easter's Lamentation Psalm 10 (Easter) April 12, 2020 Pastor Mickey Klink

Introduction

In this sermon we learn how Easter speaks into the silence of suffering and declares the Lord our King.

The Text: Psalm 10

1) Easter is a holi-day that celebrates "the gospel" – the message of salvation and the story of the world.

2) Easter addresses a much bigger sickness and much more serious isolation than the Coronavirus.

3) Don't put Hollywood's spin on Easter, for Easter's first moments were born from grief and death.

4) Easter is very comfortable with lament, and the church has long incorporated it into its practices.

5) Lament is not merely an outlet for frustration and sorrow, but an essential part of Christian worship.

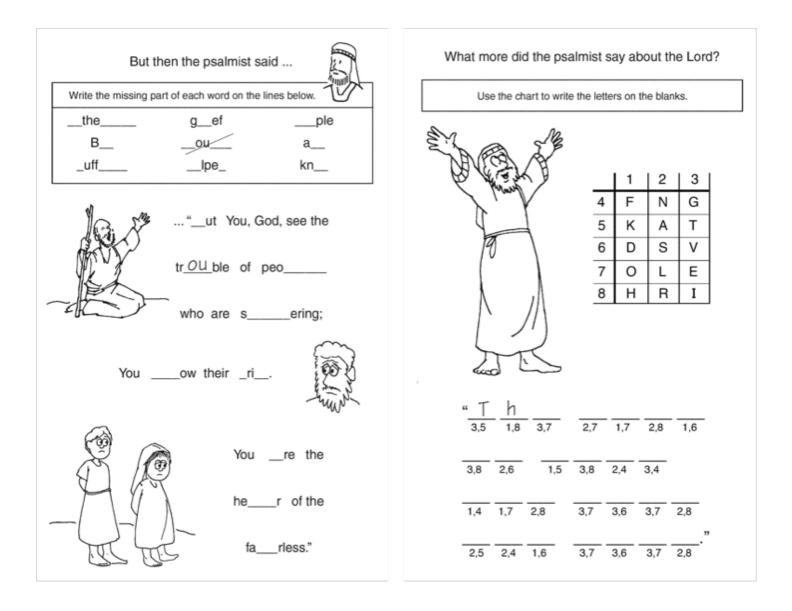
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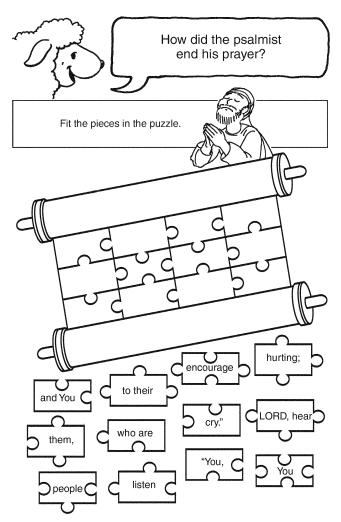
Easter's Lamentation: "In times of trouble ... the Lord is King forever and ever" (Psalm 10:1, 16)

Small Group Text Questions for Psalm 10 (Easter) April 12, 2020 Pastor Mickey Klink

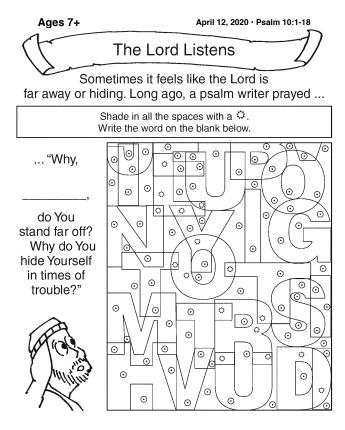
- 1) Starter Question: Have you have experienced great loss and grief, and how would you describe that experience?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Have you ever felt like asking God the question the Psalmist asks him in v. 1, and how would you describe that kind of question?
- 4) How does vv. 2-11 describe the injustice and evil "the wicked" do in front of God and others?
- 5) Notice how "the helpless" are crushed by the wicked and feel like God has forgotten them in vv. 10-11. Have you ever felt that God has forgotten you in a time of need?
- 6) Vv. 11-12 describe the depth of lament, the feeling and expression of great loss, when God seems silent and there is no other to whom a person can turn. What reflections can you make from vv. 11-12?
- 7) How can the Psalmist in vv. 13-15 rebuke the ways the wicked deny and misunderstand God, even without having received a response from God regarding their plight?
- 8) How are vv. 16-18 the glorious climax of this lament Psalm?
- 9) How hard must it have been for the Psalmist to pray vv. 16-18 without having received an answer from the Lord?
- 10) What does this lament Psalm teach us about understanding and dealing with our own suffering and affliction?

Further study this week: A sampling of Psalms of Lament: Psalm 44 (Mon); Psalm 12 (Tues); Psalm 86 (Wed); Psalm 13 (Thurs); Psalm 80 (Fri).





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