

Small Group Questions

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Read

Psalm 130:1-2; Psalm 142:1-7; Psalm 34:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Romans 8:28

Reflect

On the evening of June 17, an act of depraved, racist violence took nine lives and broke every heart in Charleston. This week, we paused to process and work through this tragic evil together. In Psalm 130:1-2, David pleads with God to hear him during his difficult time. We cry out to God in the same way.

Pastor Greg asked us to pause and remember three things:

1. Pause to pray for the families that today are torn and broken.
 - a. Read Psalm 34:18. God is close to the brokenhearted; he draws near to those who are grieving. If God is near to the brokenhearted, how can we remain far away? How can we draw near to those in our communities who are hurting?
 - b. Take some time and pray as a group for the families affected by the shooting.
2. Pause to give thanks for those who protect the freedom we so often take for granted.
 - a. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. We are to give thanks when things are good and when things are bad. As Pastor Greg said, "We don't give thanks for all things; we give thanks in all things." How can we give thanks during tragedy? One thing that we can do is to give thanks for the leaders who have guided our city through this tragedy.
 - b. Take some time and pray as a group, giving thanks and praying for the leaders of our city, state, and country.
3. Pause to renew our faith in a father God who is good.
 - a. When something evil happens, it is natural to wonder why God would ever allow it to happen. Spend a moment in your group; what sorts of questions did you wrestle with this week? What would you ask God, if you could?
 - b. Read Romans 8:28. Do we really believe that God will work everything for good? What keeps us from believing that?
 - c. Take some time and pray as a group, thanking God for being good, even in the midst of tragedy.

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?