

God in the iPod



PART 4: SHORT AND BITTERSWEET

ver-ti-go: A confused, disoriented state of mind.

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Tips On Using The Psalms

1. Use them to enrich your devotional time.
2. Commit them to memory.
3. Use them in community for prayer and worship.

PSALM 90

"A prayer of Moses the man of God."

TAKE AWAY #1: God is intensely _____ in our lives, and wants to lovingly hold us _____ for how we live.

Psalm 90:8, Job 7;17-19, Hebrews 4:13

He has not _____ us, nor has He abdicated his work in the world today.

TAKE AWAY #2: God wants us to _____ our days, making the most of every _____ with the time that we have been given.
Psalm 90:12, Ephesians 3:20, Ephesians 5:15-16

TAKE AWAY #3: In the midst of a world of turmoil, struggle and pain, God offers us his _____ and comfort through _____.
Psalm 90:14, Ephesians 3:14-19, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 1 John 4:8-10

TAKE AWAY #4: We are invited to _____ in God's work of making things _____ in the world.
Psalm 90:17, Matthew 5:13-16, Ephesians 2:10

Justification is ultimately about justice, about God putting the world to rights, with his chosen and called people as the advance guard of that new creation, charged with being and bringing signs of hope, of restorative justice, to the world. - N.T. Wright

CONCLUSION – " I Am Convinced!"

Romans 8:38-39

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, puzzled, or perplexed you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read our key text – **Psalm 90**. (a) What verse stands out to you most? Why? (b) Looking at **Psalm 90:1**. This Psalm could have been written during Israel's wanderings in the desert. In what sense do you think people in our own culture are looking for a home or a "dwelling place"? c) In what ways can a relationship with God meet this need?
3. Read **Psalm 90:8** and then **James 5:16**. (a) What is your emotional response to these verses? (b) Why are some people so hesitant in sharing their sin issues with others? (c) What kind of relationships and environment would people need in order to be able to share their sins with others?
4. Read **Psalm 90:9-10** and **2 Corinthians 1:2-4**. (a) How does our own experience with pain and struggle equip us to minister to others? (b) Dealing with others who may be going through a season of pain or grief can be a difficult and sometimes awkward experience for people in our culture. Discuss as a Home Church things that may be helpful to say or do for individuals who are going through a time of difficulty. (c) What might be some examples of things that may not be helpful?
5. Read **Psalm 90:12**. (a) Discuss as a group what you think it means to "*number our days aright*". (b) What kind of implications does your discussion have in the various areas of our lives such as work, family and friendships?

SO WHAT?...

5. Read **Psalm 90:17, Matthew 5:13-16 and Ephesians 2:10**. Then read the above quote by N.T. Wright. (a) Taking a look at the needs around you as well as the needs of your community, discuss the ways that your Home Church can live prophetically or rather, bring " signs of hope, of restorative justice, to the world." (b) Are there some specific action items that your group can take on as you look to the Fall?

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