

## Small Group Questions

May 17, 2015

Psalm 130 – HOPE

1. There is a clear flow to the Psalm 130 that became evident in the sermon.
  - a. Where(Who) do I turn to in the depths? – To the Lord
  - b. How does he hear me? – He forgives me
  - c. Why does He forgive me? – Because He loves me
  - d. So what do I do now? – Wait
2. What are some depths you have been through? What are some depths you are in? What does being in the depths feel like? Who do you know that is going through the depths right now?
3. How does knowing that God loves us and forgives us make the depths any easier? Does it? How do we find hope in God's love? What does God's love and forgiveness tell us about our future?
4. Do you resonate with Doug's statement, "Sometimes it is easier to say God loves you, than to say God loves me." Is this true for you? Why do you think that this statement is true, or false? Can you name a time that you experienced God's love? Can you name a time where you felt as though God directly communicated his love for you?
5. Waiting is hard! What kinds of things do we turn to (or others turn to) instead of waiting? How does fear play itself out as we wait? Have you ever felt like God would never show up? Can you imagine others have felt as if God will never show up? What can we do in times when we feel that way? How can we help others when they feel that way?
6. What image do you see when you think of the word "watchmen?" What things does a watchman feel in the dark? What feelings overcome the watchmen when they see the sun rising in the morning? What is God's promise to us about waiting? Is it possible not to see the sun until Jesus returns, or we die?
7. Why is community so important in the waiting? In the depths? How can we as a small group help someone right now who is on the depths?
8. How we wait impacts those around us. Has anyone ever impacted you with how they have handled tough times?