

# SONGS OF ASCENT



## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

**Series:** Songs of Ascent: Discipleship in a Changing World  
Psalm 125

Part 5 – Authenticity  
Pastor Tom Kang

- 1) Let's start with Pastor Tom's ice-breakers from the beginning of the message.

Do you say "Yes" when you really mean "No"?  
Do you act nice outwardly but think inwardly "I can't stand you"?  
Do you stay silent in order to *keep the peace*?  
Do you need to do something exceptional in order to feel important?

What do your answers say about your AUTHENTICITY?

- 2) Read Psalm 125 aloud. What sticks out to you most about this passage? Why?
- 3) What do the metaphors and similes in verses 1 and 2 say about you and God?
- 4) How is verse 3 a "reality-check"?
- 5) Instead of a curse or threat, how might verses 4 & 5 be statements of conviction instead?
- 6) Which one of the following 3 Principles of Biblical Authenticity is the biggest challenge for you and why?

### 3 Principles of Biblical Authenticity:

- 1) **KNOW** who you are.
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** who you are.
- 3) **BE** who you are.

- 7) What are your thoughts about Augustine's quote: "How can you draw close to God when you are far from your own self?" and its correlation to Psalm 125 and the topic of AUTHENTICITY. How can you be more authentic this week?