Sermon Title: The Faithfulness of God Leads Us

to Gospel Directed Worship

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Scripture: Psalm 77

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God is calling us to Gospel Directed Worship. And His faithfulness leads us to a corrected relationship with Him, both individually and corporately.

Psalm 77:1-3 ESV

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. 2 In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. 3 When I remember God, I moan; when I meditate, my spirit faints. Selah

Let's make the last resort, first!

Psalm 77:4-9 ESV

4 You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. 5 I consider the days of old, the years long ago. 6 I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search: 7 "Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? 8 Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" Selah

Honest and Humble Confession

Psalm 77:10-15 ESV

10 Then I said, "I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High." 11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. 12 I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. 13 Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? 14 You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. 15 You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

- These verses remind us of the faithfulness of God.
- Remembering God's faithfulness can help us in dark days.
- Praising God for His faithfulness gives us strength.
- God shows his faithfulness through Jesus.
- Meditating on God's faithfulness leads us into a "righted" relationship with God.

Psalm 77:16-20 ESV

16 When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side. 18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. 19 Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. 20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

We are a flock who God is leading by His hand.

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Discussion Questions:

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- 1. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?

- 2. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?
- 3. Consider Psalm 77:2 Why is prayer normally a last resort? Is this true for you?
- 4. Share a time when you sought God, and He met you in an awesome way.
- 5. Consider Psalm 77:10 15 How often do you praise God for His faithfulness?
- · How does God's faithfulness lead to our peace?

· How does meditating on God's faithfulness lead us into a right relationship with Him?

5. Read Romans 2:1-4

- Look up the word repent or repentance in an English dictionary. What does this word mean?
- Considering this passage, especially verse 4, where have you seen God's faithfulness lead you to repentance?
- 6. After considering God's Word in these passages, what is something the Holy Spirit is asking you to do?
- · Who is one person that, this week, you'll have a deeper discussion concerning what He has asked you to do?