Small Group Questions 6.14.15 Pastor Dale Oquist Speaking

Recap:

We are continuing our study in the Psalms (The Struggle, The Search, The Psalms) in Psalm 71.

We tend to sing or hum or whistle only when we are content or happy. But, the Psalms, this hymn book and prayer book of the Hebrew people, shows that songs are most powerful and uplifting when sung in the "dark night of the soul." Think of the songs that came out of slavery and how music was a comfort for them in depressing times.

On Sunday, Dale used the Psalms to show us why it is important to sing, especially when we don't feel like it. That singing and expressing music in those moments can be an avenue to experience God's presence that we would otherwise miss.

Verses:

Psalm 71

Questions:

- 1. How do you express music naturally? Do you sing? Do you whistle? Do you hum? Do you _____?
- 2. When do you express this music? When and what would you find yourself whistling?
- 3. Describe a moment when you were singing or listening to a worship song in church (or listening and maybe even singing along) to one on the radio and it spoke to you about what was going on in your life right then. Do you remember the song? How did it impact you?

The Psalms often speak of shouting, singing, praising and emotionally expressing to God what we know intellectually.

- 4. What has recently been your "shout," your "song" or your "praise" to express to God?
- 5. When you sing or express praise, even when you don't feel like it, how does that help you experience God's presence in a way that you may have otherwise missed? Explain.

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm

If you don't have anything going on Wednesday nights or you don't already have another Wednesday night class you already attend, join us in the main auditorium for our series on Revelation.