

Sermon Discussion Questions

Mayday! – Jenn Reese
Sermon Text: Psalm 22:3-5

AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

INTRODUCTION

How, as Christians, should we respond when it feels like the world is against us? Join us as we look deeper at God's rescue plan for his children from Jenn Reese's message, Mayday!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Resurrection is IN the struggle, not at the end of the struggle. Last we were challenged to find a struggle where we could look for Jesus. Share what struggle you found and how you looked for Jesus this week.
2. What is something that stuck out or challenged you from the sermon this week?
3. What is your typical Mayday response in stressful life situations? Why do you think we don't turn to praise first?
4. Share a Mayday moment you may have had? Did you turn to praise during these moments or did you try to control or ignore the situation?
5. Sometimes in our Mayday moment, choosing to praise can give us not only spiritual freedom/ perspective but it can sometimes give you physical freedom. And in some cases, it can provide some sort of freedom for those around us that may witness us praising through the storm, like it did for the prison guard in the book of Acts.

Has there been a time in your life where you chose to praise despite your circumstances and it has given you one of those things in return?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is one family tradition you currently have or grew up with that is unique?
2. If you could be a cartoon character, what would it be?
3. What is one decision that you made that didn't turn out according to plan, and what did you learn from that decision/outcome?

6. Have you ever witnessed someone choosing to praise during their Mayday moment? What did that do to your faith and relationship with Christ?

APPLICATION

Make a list of some of the times where God has been faithful to you. Keep this list in a safe place, where you can refer back to it when you need to Him in your Mayday moments. Share some of these moments with your group next week.

PRAYER (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests.

COMING UP

To join a small group, sign up at vckceast.com or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

Women's Retreat – 6-7 May (<https://nwckc.com/women>)

Mother's Day – 8 May. Something special for mothers at NWC that day.

Women's Coffee and Connect – 14 May. See Facebook for details (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nwckc>)

The Send – 14 May. Register at: <https://thesend.org/>

Baptisms – 15 May

(<https://nwckc.com/baptism?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2NhLyt0Y2ZoZmN4P2VtYmVkJmJyYW5kaW5n>)

Men's Breakfast – 21 May. See Facebook for details (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nwckc>)

Middle and High School Camp (6th-12th grades) – 31 May-3 June (<https://nwckc.com/youth>)

Kid's Camp – 6-8 July (<https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+8fznc5d>)

FINAL THOUGHT

**You can tell God how big your problems are,
but don't forget to tell your problems how big your God is!**