

# Summer in the Psalms

## THE SONGS THAT JESUS SANG

### **Teach us to Pray**– Psalm 80

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Owen Cottom continues our Summer in the Psalms series with this message from Psalm 80.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Owen spoke of two possible reactions to observing the brokenness of this world: avoidance and being overwhelmed. Which are you inclined toward?
- When did you last ask the Lord, 'why'? This is a question given us to pray. Would it serve you now to bring your cares before him and ask? Remember Owen's words, 'in Christ, we come to the one who always has eyes to see and ears to hear'.
- Spend time in the Psalm's repeated refrain; *Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!* Pray for yourself, your friends, your church, and Christ's people across the world.