

# A Season for a Psalm: Week 11, Keep Calm and Psalm 46 On Scott Merriner, August 23, 2020 Small Group Discussion Questions

# **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

# Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

## Read: Psalm 46

- 1. What wild and chaotic world events are mentioned in this Psalm?
- 2. What aspects of God's character are amplified in this Psalm?
- 3. What are the calls to action for followers of Christ in this Psalm?

# Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 4. The fear of mountains or cities suddenly crumbling into the sea as the result of a nuclear blast haunted many people throughout the 1980s. But the Psalmist says that we need not fear in the face of utter destruction. It seems impossible to consider the end of the world without becoming consumed by fear, but the Bible is clear God is our refuge.
- From the Cold War, to Y2K, to Covid-19, our world is not new to the chaos that comes from uncertainty. What
  other world, local, or personal events come to mind when thinking about the fear and chaos our world has
  faced?
- What clarity does the entirety of the Bible speak into fear, chaos, and uncertainty?
- 5. What does it mean to "Be still, and know that I am God" on a practical level? How does a follower of Christ practice this discipline?

# Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
  - \*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\*