



### Sermon Discussion Guide

12.11.22 Message | Tyler Myers | Psalm 77:1-20

#### Key Scriptures:

*“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ‘The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.’”*

- Numbers 6:23-26

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

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

- Psalm 77:10-20

#### Message Highlights:

- Peace is more than a problem, a pathway or a perspective; peace is a person and his name is Jesus.
- Peace is most powerfully on display and best experienced amidst the storm!
- Worship changes us and helps us to get away from a focus on self and rather put our focus on Christ.
- H.O.P.E. - Healing Our Pain Eternally

#### Conversation Starter:

How does settling for the faux peace the world offers affect your relationship with Jesus, the true source of peace?



**Discuss the Message:**

1. What sticks out to you from the first part of the blessing Moses declared to the people of Israel in Numbers 6:24?
  - a. In all honesty, where else do you look for blessings apart from the Lord?
  - b. How does Numbers 6:24-26 as a spoken blessing reinforce the need to pursue peace in order to live in the promise of peace?
  - c. What does it practically look like to pursue peace as a follower of Christ?
2. Read Psalm 77:1-20. What are some of the sentiments you can relate to in verses 1-9?
  - a. What does the author say in Psalm 77:11 that changes the whole tone of the chapter?
  - b. What are some of the marvelous works God has done in your life that help you to hold onto peace amidst the storms of life?
  - c. How do the Psalmists' words in Psalm 77:10-20 model the practice of taking the focus off of "me" and placing the focus on God?
3. The breadth of God's peace is especially on display in Psalm 77:16-20; discuss which depiction of his peace impacts you most.
  - a. Do you ever shortchange, or underestimate, God's ability to offer you peace? How so?
  - b. How does knowing that peace is more than a pathway or a perspective, rather it is the person Jesus, alter your understanding and appreciation of peace?

**Pray:**

*Father God, the Prince of Peace, we worship you! Right now, we want to slow our breaths and to truly soak in your holy presence. We admit that this season is usually marked by anything but peace, but we want to recommit to pursuing the person of peace, Jesus Christ. During this season of Advent, it is our prayer that we would be conduits of your light and sharers of your peace. Help us to lean into the waiting for the blessed celebration of your son, Jesus', birth and to receive the peace you abundantly provide. We love you, Lord! Amen.*