

FAMILY WORSHIP Guide

Sermon: **Regather: A Long-Awaited Joy**
Text: **Psalm 122:1-4**
June 21, 2020

Use this guide to engage in further discussion about today's message, applying it to your heart in a personal way. Feel free to alter questions to fit children in your family.

Follow this simple outline:

1. Sit down together with no distractions.
2. Have a member of the family open in prayer.
3. Read all or a portion of the sermon text.
4. Work through the discussion questions. Encourage your family to talk.
5. Share ways to apply the sermon to life.
6. Close in prayer.

Time
Commitment:
15-20 Minutes

Discussion Questions:

1.The central truth of the sermon is that *God has fashioned our souls so that the gathering of the saints for worship is essential for our eternal survival*. Has our time apart, as we have gone through the Coronavirus Crisis, given you a renewed commitment for public worship? Spiritual warfare is presently taking place to discourage worshippers from regathering. How are you putting on the armor and fighting in the strength of the Lord (Ephesians 6:10-20)?

2.Verse one speaks of corporate worship as the delight of David's heart. As we read verse one, and we *anticipate the bliss of corporate worship*, do you join in David's praise? What other factors might be at work that make worship feel more like an obligation than a delight? Have you considered corporate worship as an activity God has given us for eternal survival?

3.Verse three teaches that we *benefit from the strength of our solidarity as a church*. The depth of our horizontal relationships to each other are directly connected to the depth of our relationship with Jesus. How does this truth effect your friendships and how to deepen them? As Pastor Jeff mentioned in Proverbs 27:6: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend," do you have a friend who loves you enough to conduct surgery on your heart for your spiritual healing? Do you pursue friendship in Christ in this way?

4.Our duty to align our thinking and living to God's decrees comes before our thankfulness. For us to *travel the road of thanksgiving*, duty comes before delight. Are you trying to do things the other way around? Parents, talk about why it is better to have the main course of a meal before dessert, and not order your meals the other way around.

A FINAL THOUGHT

It is a delight to be together. Some of our members, who are at high-risk to be harmed by COVID-19, need to continue to stay home. But for those who can gather, let's remember the importance of the gathering of the saints for worship and recommit to this practice with consistency.



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