Sermon Growth Guide

September 17, 2023

Lead Me Home – Wanderers

Psalm 107:1-15

Key Verse: Psalm 107:4
"Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle."

Big Idea: The people of God wander away from God's faithfulness over and over, but God's call is always to return to Him, our true home.

Foundations

This week we are back together in our *Lead Me Home* series. Our theme is "Wandering."

Today we read Psalm 107, a beautiful Psalm of a longing for home. This Psalm reminds us (like the hymn, "Come Thou Fount") that we are prone to wander much like our ancestors. Cain was cursed with wandering (Genesis 4:12), Abraham wandered (Deut. 26:5), and the people of Israel wandered in the desert for forty years.

As you read this Psalm together, think about your own heart, your life and your patterns of "wandering."

The Psalm beings with thanksgiving: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for this steadfast love endures forever" (107:1).

Before you begin your discussion, take a moment to share what you are thankful for today. Have someone open your time with a prayer of thanksgiving for God's steadfast love.

Understanding God's Word

Together, read Psalm 107:1-15.

What do you notice about this Psalm? What words/phrases stand out?

What does a wanderer experience in this Psalm?

How does God respond?

Applying God's Word

Read the Psalm again.

What role does gratitude play in this song? What role does gratitude play in your life?

The Psalm indicates that the Lord led the wanderers to an "inhabited town" (107:7). Who are your people, the people who "inhabit" your life? Who are the people that keep you grounded and anchored in the Lord?

Witnessing God's Word

How might God want to use you this week to encourage a "wanderer" in your life? Is there someone who needs to know they are not alone and needs to know that you (and God) "see" them?

Pray together for opportunities to relieve the distress of another person this week.