

Waverley Church
Sunday, July 5

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Receive God's Word

Psalm 4

Sermon: *Summer in the Psalms* - Psalm 4
Tony Penner, *Lead Pastor*

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the things that have kept you up at night, unable to sleep?
2. How can knowing you are set apart by God, that God has shown his faithfulness in the past and His grace, provide relief in our distress?
3. Why do we struggle with trusting in God?
4. What are the differences between the good things that come from this world and the good things that come from God?
5. Why is God's joy superior to this world's joys?
6. A healthy understanding of ourselves sees that we are vulnerable. Why should we seek our peace and safety in God alone?

Prayer Suggestions:

- Pray that we would have our need revealed by God, along with a desire to seek our relief in Christ.
- Pray that those things that would come against us, whether that be people, ideas or feelings, be overcome by God.
- Call out to God to make prayer a greater portion of our lives as a sign of genuine dependence on Him.
- Pray that we would overcome any fear we have in these days so that we are not robbed of the joys of God.

Questions for a younger audience

Please note that these questions are more meant to guide parents in some possible ways to break down more complex concepts and issues, in ways that children may understand more easily. It is always best if parents cater the question to the particular needs of their children.

For assistance or suggestions regarding these questions, please contact pastor Thomas.

1. What are some of the things that have kept you up at night, unable to sleep?
2. What are some things that make you feel safe?
3. Who created everything that makes you feel safe?
4. If God decides that we will be safe, can anything hurt us?
5. If God allows us to be hurt by something, is it for a good reason or a bad reason?
6. Are we sometimes scared of things that cannot hurt us? Give some examples.

Application:

Sometimes we are afraid even when it does not make sense to be. In fact, Christians that are confident of God's love should never be afraid! But we are afraid lots of times. What can we do to grow so that we feel God's love and protection as more real and strong than anything else? Brainstorm as a family.