



Pod Bible Reflection Questions for the week of 9/11/16

Psalm 46

Up

Follow Up on Last Week

- What debtor do you need to forgive? What temptation(s) do you need to ask God to deliver you from?
- How will you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Read the Passage(s): Psalm 46 (Consider reading it slowly multiple times)

Introduction

- Share about a time when you made a big effort to spend time with another person.
- Have there been times this past year when you were able to be "still?" Where? When? How?

What Does it Say? (Context? Who? What? Where? How? Why? When?)

- What might the original readers of Psalms have been afraid of? (v.2-3)
- What response does the psalmist have to fear? (v.1)
- What happens to the "city of God" and the "nations," "kingdoms," and "earth"? (v.4-7)
- What is the LORD doing? (v.8-9)
- What response to what happens on earth is commanded of us? (v.10-11)

What does it Mean?

- Why do we prefer to build our own "refuges" rather than rely on God as our "refuge and strength?"
- What are people afraid of today? How should believers respond to the fear in our world? Give practical examples.
- What are some ways that we can build up our trust in God?
- How do we build our relationship with God and not just our understanding of Him?
- Why is stillness a prerequisite to knowing God?
- What are some differences between knowing a lot about God and knowing God?
- Do you "know" God more now than a year ago? 5 years? 10 years? In what ways?

What Will We Do?

- Do you focus more on what you are doing or on who you are becoming? Does God care about one more than the other?
- What commitment can you make this week to be still and know God?
- How will you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Pray Together about What God is Inviting Us to Do