



Part 1: Getting to the Big Idea

Questions get to the Big Idea of the passage

1. The Psalmist describes returning home to be dreamlike. What does that suggest about the experience of returning home?
2. The Negev was a dry valley. However, in rare seasons torrential rain would create sudden floods streaming down the valley with great force. What does this suggest about what God would do for His people?
3. What does it mean for the psalmist and Israelite to “sow in sorrow,” and to place their trust and confidence in God while doing so?

Part 2: Takeaways & Applications

Applying the passage to our lives to grow in Christlikeness

Fallen Condition Questions

Considering our idols and temptations; how we are both sinners and sufferers

1. Consider some of the current “dry” seasons and unfulfilled longings in our lives. As far as you are comfortable, share it with each other and offer it up to God in prayers.

Personal Renewal Questions

Considering how we can be renewed and transformed in Christlikeness

2. The psalmist looks to the steadfast love and faithfulness of God in the past to give him hope for the future. How does the person and work of Jesus give us hope amidst dry seasons?
3. We discussed what it means for the psalmist and Israelite to “sow in sorrow.” What does it look like for us to “sow in sorrow” In our current dry seasons?

Shaping Church Culture Questions

Considering how the gospel shapes and permeates the culture within our community

4. Consider how the church is seeking to be faithful towards God this season in church planting and missions. What are some things, though possibly inconvenient and difficult, that we can do to contribute to the mission of the gospel? How can we, individually and corporately, be part of this “sowing in sorrow but reaping in joy”?
5. Take some time to offer up to God in prayers concerning these humble attempts to be faithful towards the gospel mission, and how we can be participating with the church to be sowing and reaping.

