

Belonging: *"I will build my church" - Jesus*

A Healing Community

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Psalm 122

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Introduction: You belong. And we say it a lot. Because it tells us something about you. And it tells us something about us. Because you can't belong by yourself. Belonging is a thing that requires others. To whom do we belong? And with whom do we belong? And for what purpose do we belong? These are questions Jesus answers like no one else before or since. He says, "I will build my church?" What does it mean to belong to Jesus and to the church he's still building?

Prayer: Father, we are grateful for this special psalm to study and discuss. Amen

Review: Think again about Peter's new identity and how he changed and matured into that new identity.

Read: Psalm 122

Discussion:

1. Do you rejoice when you come into church for worship? What are you thinking/feeling?
2. Does this psalm concern the idea of justice? Point out the relevant verses. Is this a future issue for the church? Explain.
3. There are many actions described in this psalm. Which one(s) stand out to you?
4. What was David's prayer in this psalm? What motivated this prayer? Does the prayer show us David's heart?
5. Bonus question: this is a prayer of "ascent"; what did this mean to the people of Israel?

Application: This week enter into worship with Joy!

Prayer: Father, thank you for what this psalm shows us of the heart of David. Amen