



Purley Baptist Church

Discipleship Guide 26th April 2020

Psalm 146

This Week's BIG IDEA: This psalm is a hymn of praise to Yahweh as king. It reminds us that human authorities come and go in contrast to God's everlasting reign. The psalmist is encouraging himself and others to praise Yahweh throughout their whole life. Our expressions of praise to God should not be restricted to Sundays.

CONNECT IN:

I'm aware some groups are meeting for the first/second time. Here's some ice breaker questions you might want to use as you get to know each other:

- Shoes, chocolate or beer? Which do you find most tempting?
- Sport, drama, documentary or comedy - if you could only ever watch one category of program which would it be?
- Have you had an answered prayer recently?

CONNECT UP: Fix your eyes on God and give him an opportunity to speak to you through his Word

- 1) Why does the writer talk to his own soul (v.1)?
- 2) What might someone's life look like if they lived out verse 2?
- 3) How do we strike the right balance between "Not trusting in princes" and asking for government support in our lives?
- 4) What realistic expectations should we have for earthly leaders?
- 5) What are the key features of Yahweh's leadership in the world? (vv.6-9)
What might this mean for us as we seek to live as 'the righteous'?

STOP: Take time to reflect. In this season of lockdown, how does the Lord want us to reorder our lives?

CONNECT OUT as a group to serve the world around you

Encourage Life Group members to think about those in their life who don't yet believe in Jesus. You can think of friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. Gather this list together and pray for them.

Heartbeat

As we continue to pray about the covid-19 pandemic, please consider joining the global church in the **#Unite714** prayer movement. It is a call to unite with Christians across the world to pray morning and night at 7:14 hours to pray for a miraculous healing of our lands from the coronavirus and for a spiritual awakening among the nations.

Why 7:14? It is taken from 2 Chronicles 7:14.

‘If my people, who are called by my name, will *humble* themselves and *pray* and *seek* my face and *turn* from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will *heal their land*. ‘

To find out more and for prayer resources see <https://www.unite714.com/>

Twice a day. One voice

Wednesday remains the day we are particularly asking our Church to pray and fast. This coming **Wednesday, April 29th**,

from 7.00-7.30 pm, you are invited to meet via zoom, so that we can pray together over the 7:14pm time as an act of solidarity with brothers and sisters in Christ across our world. Log in details will be sent out on Wednesday.

Recommended resource:

***How to reach the West again* (Tim Keller E-Book)** A free download is available here: <https://redeemercitycity.com/reachthewest>

Blurb: Christianity is declining in the West. Churches in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Europe are closing their doors at an accelerating rate. **How will the church respond?** In this short but sweeping manifesto, *New York Times* bestselling author and pastor Timothy Keller argues that this decline should prompt us to rethink the church's mission from the ground up.