



Psalm 55

Wings

Context (2 Samuel 15:12-30). The Kingdom is handed over to Absalom. David must flee. He wishes for “wings of a dove”, for his soul to be at rest.

1. Read Psalm 55:1-3. What words does David use to describe his struggle to connect with God? Ever been there? Explain.
2. Read v. 4-8. In our desire to escape, what are some bad wings we go to? (Discuss escapism, optimism, fatalism, mysticism...).
3. Wings of God- Read Isa. 40:31; Exodus 19:4; Exodus 25:20; Deut. 32:11; Psalm 17:8. Describe the wings of God. Describe a time you experienced God’s wings in one of these ways.
4. Read v. 9-15. David asks God to confuse the enemy. They were exceedingly evil (v.9-11). God answers David’s request. (2 Samuel 15:32-17:16). Even David’s close friend, Ahithophel, completely turned on him. Have you ever been betrayed by a close friend. Do you believe that God is just? How does that help?
5. Read v. 16-21. Notice and discuss the contrast between a heart at peace and a heart at war. See how David’s tone changes at this point. He is more determined that God will hear him. Have you ever sensed a progression from feeling like God is distant to being determined that He will answer! What changed to get you to that point?
6. Care casting! Read. v. 22-23. List your cares and cast them upon God. Pray for each other.