



Small Groups | COVID-19 Relief Fund

OPENING PRAYER: God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we come before you with our words of lament as well as our hopes for a better tomorrow. We ask you to allow our conversations to open us up to your spirit and enrich our faith. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Quote: Every miracle of the Bible first started with a problem. Unknown

BREAKING THE ICE:

Name a gift you will never forget.

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Psalm 77:10-14

- Psalm 77 records a time of despair for the psalmist, in this time of trouble he seeks God's grace. At first, he laments all that is happening and even questions the presence of God in the midst of this trouble. But then the psalmist shifts his thoughts from his present circumstances to focus on the countless ways God has been present in the past. In times of despair is exactly when the anguished need most to "remember" the past "works of the Lord". Recall ways that you have seen God's good works and wonders in the past. How do they give you hope today?
- After contemplating all the amazing works of God in the past the psalmist is inspired with new courage to face the future. What in the stories shared help you to be inspired?

NEXT STEPS:

- Identify one way you/your family can be God's presence for those despairing in this current crisis, and one way you/your family can be God's presence in your church community during this time of isolation? GNJ offers safe mission opportunities and up to date volunteer guidelines <https://www.gnjumc.org/covid19/covid-19-resources/mission/> .
- Consider how you can share this in your community so that others may find hope in the midst of trouble.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness yesterday, today and tomorrow. We give all the glory to you for the good works that are done in your name. Help us to make a difference so that all the world can proclaim your goodness and love. Amen.



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