

Songs for the Journey

Psalms 132-134

A moment to reflect on your own... write down:

*one thing that has struck you from these, or the other,
Songs of Ascents in the series...*

*one small change to put into practice as a result of
something you've seen in these Songs of Ascents...*

one thing to dwell upon and pray about more...

Notes / prayer points

Reaching the end of the journey

What are some of the blessings that come with being in the New Creation?

Which are you most looking forward to/longing for? Why?

Psalm 132 God's King in God's place bringing God's rule

Have a think about either:

i) the blessing(s) you are looking forward to from the question above

ii) or one or two from this list we looked at on Sunday:

Satisfaction, peace, belonging, identity, purpose.

No more: climate crises, warring nations, illness, sickness, evil, injustice, pain, mourning, death.

Where are you tempted to look for those things in this world alone? How is Jesus able to fully offer/deal with them?

What would a prayer to him about this look like?

Psalm 133 - God's People

What makes Christian community/relationships difficult?

On Sunday we heard Bonhoeffer describe church as the "*gracious anticipation of the end of time*" - eternity is church: a group of disparate nobodies united together (through no merit of their own) whom God has decided to call his children (through no merit of their own) all gathered together as family to worship God's king together.

How does that eternal gathering, shape your thinking and actions around Christian community/church family, today?

As we dwell on Jesus, what would it look like to model him more and more, to others amongst the church family?

Revelation 7:9-17

If we had this vision fixed firmly in our minds, what difference would it make to our view of the world today / the things of the world that hook us, pull us, and try to knock us off course?

How has all we've seen, helped us to keep journeying, and not be pulled off course?

How does this then impact our desire of seeing one another to keep going? What difference will that make to your actions/relationships/attitudes/serving amongst the church family?