Series: The Psalms  
Scripture: Psalm 3  
Main Point: Recognize, remember, and respond.

We are Family: We believe that as redeemed believers in Christ we are a part of the family of Christ. We believe that the church is the gathering brothers and sisters in Christ, because we have all been adopted, purchased, and called into household of God.

We are Servants: We believe that the ultimate servant was Jesus Christ; therefore, as we are born again as Christians we are born as servants. We are made, commanded, and designed to serve one another just as Christ served us.

We are Disciples: We believe that we are more than just people who know about Jesus, but that we were born again and called out to follow Jesus. None of us have yet arrived in following Him in perfection, but we all are investing in each other to follow and become the image of Christ in this world.

We are Witnesses: We believe that we are not just merely following Christ, but that we have been born again to proclaim Jesus Christ both in actions and words. We are born again to live in such way that brings glory, honor, praise, and recognition to Christ. We are witnesses by being His ambassadors to the world.

INTRODUCTION:

ASK: If you could go to the moon, what is the first thing you would do once you landed?

ASK: If you could be in any movie, what movie would you choose and which character would you play?

ASK: If you could have the whole world’s attention for one minute, what would you say?

ASK: If you could change any one thing in your life, what would it be?

SCRIPTURE: [Look down in the text.]

READ: Psalm 3:1-8
ASK: What do you think verses 1-2 tells us about what David is experiencing?

ASK: Using your own words, summarize verses 3-4. Tell us what stands out to you?

ASK: What is David’s response to what he is currently experiencing? What is God’s response to David?

ASK: Looking at Psalm 3 as a whole, how do you think David viewed God?

READ: 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 55:22, Psalm 142:2

ASK: In what ways do you think these verses connect to Psalm 3?

ASK: What do you think Psalm 3 and the other passages tell us about circumstances we may experience?

HEART [Look into your heart.]

Recognize

ASK: In verse 1, David says he has many foes. What are some “foes” we may experience?

ASK: How do you typically respond when you experience a difficult situation?

ASK: What would you say to a friend who questions whether God answers prayers?

ASK: What can keep you from remembering and/or trusting the promises of God?

ASK: In what ways do you think David’s view of God compares to how you view God today?

SAY: Sometimes it is easier to ask “why me” rather than trust and rest in the promises of God. We may often question the goodness of God when our expectations are not met, forgetting that the God of the Bible is the one who remains faithful and completes everything he starts.

GOSPEL

Remember

READ: John 14:27
ASK: What are some characteristics/attributes of God?

ASK: What is the connections between Psalm 3 and the good news of Jesus?

ASK: How can we know that we are secure in God’s salvation?

ASK: Why can believers be hopeful like David when we experience brokenness? What is our hope?

ASK: What are ways you have seen God remain faithful to his promises in your own life?

SAY: David never saw the fulfillment of God’s promise to send a Messiah. He never witnessed that Messiah do what no one else will ever do. Yet in Psalm 3, David remains faithful in the midst of the darkness he was experiencing. David recognized his brokenness and he freely brought that brokenness to God. But it was God who sustained David through promises He already made even before David was king. David is a good example of how we should remember and respond to the faithfulness of God. But there is a better example. The only example that saves! And that is Christ.

(This is your opportunity to proclaim the gospel to your students. Do not pass by this chance quickly or simply assume your students already know.)

APPLICATION [Look out with action.]

Respond

REREAD: Psalm 3:4

ASK: What are some ways you can respond to the Lord in faith this week?

ASK: In what ways do you think David’s response to his circumstances in Psalm 3 can impact our day-to-day lives?

ASK: What are some Scriptures we could use this week to remind ourselves of the faithfulness of God?

ASK: How can we as a community group set an example of faithfulness to others?

Close in prayer!