

AUTHENTIC PRAYER: WAITING

Psalm 25:1-22
July 12, 2009

What situation was David facing?

David is facing many hateful enemies who are seeking to trap him (vv.2,15,19).

David has asked God to deliver him from these enemies, but God has not yet done so.

How does David respond to this?

David waits for the Lord (vv.3,5,21).

How do we respond when we've lifted up a desire to God in prayer, and God has not yet answered?

What does it mean to wait for the Lord?

It does not mean just waiting.

It does not mean waiting for what **I** want.

It does mean waiting on God to fulfill His promises.

How do we go about waiting for the Lord?

Tell the Lord you trust Him (vv.1-3)

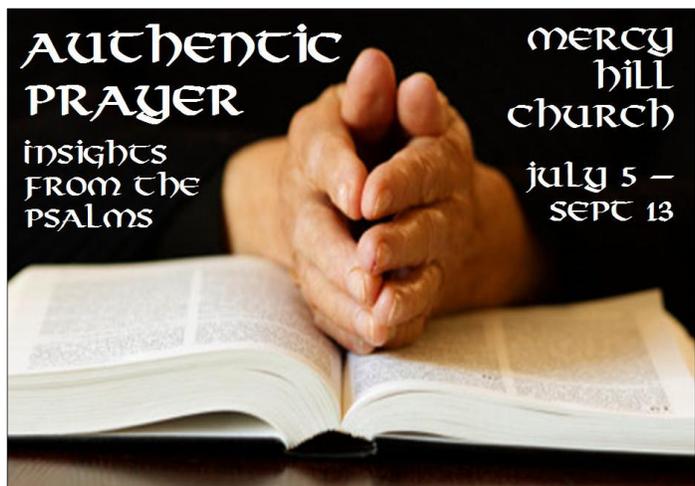
Ask God to teach and lead you (vv.4-5)

Plead God's mercy for your sin (vv.6-7)

Rest in God's precious promises (vv.8-10)

Let God's promises strengthen your trust in Him (vv.12-15)

Admit your need to God and ask Him for help (vv.16-22)



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

Read Psalm 25:1-22.

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What are some desires you've lifted up to God in prayer that He has not yet answered?

How have you responded to these unanswered prayers? Have you waited for the Lord concerning these? Why or why not?

Up to this point, how have you understood "waiting for the Lord"? As just waiting? As waiting for God to do what **I** want? As waiting for God to fulfill His promises?

What desires or requests do you need to surrender to God's wisdom, love, and timing? What keeps you from doing that?

What's your take-away from this passage? What are you going to do differently? When?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

