



Community Group Study: A Life of Lies & War
Pilgrim Songs - Part 1 | Psalm 120 | week of June 4

GETTING STARTED

- Describe a time when someone said something untrue and critical about you. How did you feel? How did you respond?

Read Psalm 120.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

- How does the psalmist express confidence in the Lord's willingness and ability to deliver him (v. 1)?
- What is the relationship between what God has done and our faith in what God will do? How has this relationship helped you in your walk with the Lord?
- In verses 2-4, of what has the psalmist been a victim?
- Read James 3:6-12. How powerful is the tongue? How have you seen the tongue's power used wrongly against you? How have you used it wrongly against others?

- What is the psalmist's solution to the lies and slander of others (see. vv. 3-4)?
- In verses 5-7, what is the issue facing the psalmist? Among what kinds of people has the psalmist lived?
- Is our world today like the psalmist's world? Do people today hate peace and love war, as well? In what ways do you see this?
- The New Testament reminds us repeatedly that we are pilgrims sojourning in a land that is not our home. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. How can we live in such a way that does neither compromise with nor is antagonistic toward our world?
- How does the example of Jesus help us to live for peace and truth in a world of lies and war? Be specific. How is a Christian able to pursue these things in a way that a non-Christian cannot?

NEXT STEPS

- How do you need to repent of the ways you use your tongue? How do you need to repent of the ways you respond to the words of others? Share with a spouse or group member one way the Lord has convicted you through this conversation.
- Memorize or meditate upon 1 Peter 2:11-12. Write a prayer asking God to help you live in a way that outsiders notice your good deeds and glorify God when he returns.