

Sermon: Looking to the Lord as Our Champion
Series: *Turning the World Upside Down*

Scripture: Psalm 94
Date: June 21, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) What do we learn about God's justice from this psalm?
- b) Do you see the Lord as the "God of vengeance (v.1 and 23)?" Does this bother you? Comfort you?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

- a) Pastor Mark said, "You can't respond to evil in a healthy way without lament." Have you ever lamented evil/injustice with God?
- b) Read v. 2-7 and 16-19. How do these two sections contrast with each other? What emotions are being expressed? Can you relate to any of these emotions? How?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) How does Psalm 94:20-21 point to the death of Christ? How does 94:22 point to the resurrection of Christ? How would you connect Christ's death and resurrection to God's justice?
- b) Read Romans 3:21-26. Jesus is both just and the justifier. What does this tell us about why Jesus died? About God's justice? About us?

APPLICATION

- a) Read verse 15. How has justice returned to you in Christ? How can you "follow justice" this week?

PRAYER

Lament to God the lack of justice that you see around you.

Praise God for his perfect vengeance and justice.

Confess ways that you have failed to follow justice.

Ask God to help you stand up for others against evil (v.16).