

Sermon: The God of Our Security.
Series: *Psalms of Hope and Encouragement.*

Scripture: Psalm 46.
Date: May 15, 2022

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 us?

- a) Can you recall a time when you were afraid? OR, what “mountain” of your security has “fallen into the sea?”
- b) In your day to day life, where do you tend to find refuge?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) What words/phrases describe the presence of God? The power of God?
- b) Can you recall a time when you experienced the presence and power of God?

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

- a) Psalm 46 describes a holy God dwelling among his people. How can a holy God live with sinful people? How would you answer this question?
- b) Read v.10 again. “I will be exalted among the nations.” How does this point to Christ’s first coming and his second coming? Are you exalting Christ in your life? How?

APPLICATION

- a) Read verse 7&14. God lives among us. How do you experience this ongoing presence of God? Are there any specific things you do to remind yourself of God’s presence?
- b) Pastor Akin showed us that “be still” is a rebuke (Stop it!). How can you stop your striving today? What do you need to submit to Jesus today?

FIGHTER VERSES: Psalm 121.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his great power and presence in your life.
- Confess ways that you continue striving against God and his grace.
- Thank Jesus for being exalted on the cross, exchanging his righteousness for our sin.
- Ask God to help you live securely in his promise of salvation.