

CHOOSE YOUR REFUGE

PSALM 46 / DEL REY CHURCH / July 28, 2019

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I. Refuge in the Face of Chaos (v. 1-3)

II. Refuge in the Face of Political Conflicts (v. 4-7)

III. Invitation to Refuge in God (v. 8-11)

notes :

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. Read Psalm 46 together and discuss the way that you have learned to read, understand and apply the psalms. What's different about the way you interpret that Psalms than texts that are narratives or letters? How do the Psalms fit into the canonical storyline of redemption in Christ the Bible tells? Discuss.
2. The message on Sunday raised the question about safe spaces. There is a lot of agitation about the need for safe spaces and the phrase invites a lot of sarcasm from some people. In the best sense, why do people need safe spaces?
3. How do Christians battle the great temptations to find their refuge in something other than God? Discuss those things that seems to be an easier or more accessible refuge. How have these refuges worked for you? How have they failed you?
4. What are some texts in the New Testament that help you to see how the gospel makes it even more clear that God is our refuge who will not fail us? What elements in the gospel story stand out to you?
5. How can DRC help members and the surrounding community see that true security and wholeness is found in God? What are the ways that the church itself helps people to experience this great truth that God is our refuge and fortress?