



COMMUNITY GROUP NOTES + QUESTIONS

A BETTER SONG | NOVEMBER 15, 2020 | PSALM 11

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INTRODUCTION

Icebreaker: What song has been a huge influence on your life or a season in your life (no judgement if it's secular)?

2020 has been full of negative messages: which message(s) have seemed to penetrate into heart and mind the most? How have you tried to "turn the station" to hear better songs during this year?

SCRIPTURE IS A BETTER SONG BECAUSE...

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A Better Beginning (Psalm 11:1)

Take a minute to consider some of your reactions to the world or your circumstances lately - have they been shaped by your faith? If not, how would your responses been different if they were? Would have any conflicts been avoided?

David's community was telling him to be afraid, be angry, and be anxious - are you hearing these same "songs" from your community? Have you had the courage to speak up as David did to share a different "song"? Can you share about that? If not, what holds you back from doing so?

What songs are you singing to your community? Songs of hope or the songs of David's advisors?

How are you helping other Christians be steadfast and immovable as you disciple them?(1 Corinthians 15:58)

Take the Refuge Test:

When trouble comes - your response will most likely be, "That's okay because (blank)" - What fills in the blank? (Possible examples: "I'm still pretty"; "my political party is still in control"; "I'm still employed"; "I can figure it out")

What would happen if your "okay" ran out?

Would you be ready with a bring it on mentality or will you be shaken?

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TOMMY CLAYTON

"God doesn't give something as powerful as control to his creatures. He loves them too much. He gives faith instead"

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A Better Melody (Psalm 11:4-5)

When you are in a panic or in a state of worry, how does declaring vs. 4 help you to calm or readjust your perspective on the world and/or your circumstances?

In what ways do we try to put ourselves on the throne when it seems like everything is falling apart around us? Do your friends encourage this or do they point you back to who is truly on the throne? How so?

If you were the bird in the lumberjack story - would you move to the rocks or hang on for dear life to the tree even though they were shaking and about to be chopped down?

What steps of faith have you taken when your foundations have been shaken? Or what have you clung to until it crumbled because you were too afraid to let go?

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A Better Ending (Psalm 11:5-7)

Are you asking the right question - Is God on my side or Am I on God's side? (Joshua 5:13-15)

How are these two questions different? How is the application of these different?

What are some ways that you can do a self check to ensure that you are asking the right question?

Because of Jesus we are upright and will behold His face! How would focusing on this truth change your perspective on what may be going on in the world/your life? Are you now able to joyfully sing a new song that allows you to "praise him in this storm" (Casting Crowns)? What will that look like for you going forward?