

Marinating in God's Word: Psalm 137

The Psalms shape the language of the New Testament, our worship, and our prayers. Other than that they aren't very important – ha! We're focusing on one Psalm each week.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Have you ever had anxious or angry dreams (or daydreams) centered around an opponent or someone who has hurt you? What did the dreams tell you? Were you able to resolve your feelings? How?
- What was the situation in which Psalm 137 was written? What are its underlying sentiments and feelings? Do you see any parallels in our world? In your life?
- This Psalm is quite different from our recently studied Psalms (23 and 46). How would you describe the differences? We count all of these Psalms as inspired by the Spirit, which is easy enough to see with Psalms 23 and 46. But in what sense is Psalm 137 inspired?
- Jesus is the center of the story, but he looks different from the perspectives of BC and AD. How so?
- How is Psalms 137 completed by the New Testament message of Jesus? What parts of it can serve as our prayer now? What parts beg for an answering word from Jesus?