

Crying Out to God

Genesis 21

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. Do you remember the last time you wept and cried out to God? Can you share what that was and, if you feel that God has answered, could you share how God answered your cry?
2. We often see crying as a sign of weakness. If you read Psalm 8:2, it talks about the sounds of infants and children. The NIV has it listed as “praise of infants” however, in the original Hebrew it simply states “From the mouth of infants and nursing babes” (NASB95). The normal sound of children and infants are that of crying. With that said, the verse mentions how it is the crying of children that summons God to defeat His enemies. Crying then, becomes a powerful act in a broken world.

Is there something that you are resisting crying out? Is there something that is worth crying out for, but that you have not yet because of the natural resistance we all have to crying?

3. Have you ever felt a pain like ‘the heir and a spare’ in your family? Or, have you been rejected by a loved one?

If so Calvary is your family in which God plays no favorites. How can Calvary make you feel more like a family?

4. Have you felt pressured to not cry, or mourn or grieve? Have you been rushed to “move on” from a particular struggle? If so, share those experiences.

Have you cried or empathized with a person in your small group when they are crying? Is there any way to encourage more time for people to process their tearful moments?