

8th Week of Pentecost

“Treasured”

GETTING STARTED

- How much of yourself are you comfortable sharing with the general public?
- Describe your self-image.
- What do you think The LORD feels about you?
-Why/How did you come up with this understanding?

**NOTE: Aside from our Focus Text, the verses we study this week are profoundly brief & somewhat taken out-of-context. Even if we don't get around to unpacking the background/etc. for each of them, it is vitally important that we have a grasp on how the surrounding verses, history, culture, language, and so-forth need to be taken into account when reflecting upon any scripture.*

Psalm 116:1

- Reading vs. 2 as well (and glancing at the rest of this psalm), where does the power of vs. 1 come from?

What does this say about how GOD feels about us?

2nd Corinthians 1:4

- How does/ought this verse shape our discipleship & practice of Christianity?
- Briefly looking at vs. 2-10, in what way(s) is this passage similar to Psalm 116?
- Discuss the connection between suffering & comfort here.

Nehemiah 9:17b

- Considering the people's error in the previous portion of this verse, discuss The LORD's character revealed here.
- How might this verse (and those surrounding it) guide the way we interact with those we disagree with?

Isaiah 43:1

- Discuss the power of names in relation to the point(s) of this verse.
- If we were to continue reading, what similarities would you see between this scripture and the others we've been looking at?

Psalm 139:1-18

- How does this reading address the issues of sin, human frailty, misfortune, etc?
- Looking at verse 14, what is being conveyed about human existence?
- In what ways is this passage both encouraging & challenging?

IN CLOSING

- As we conclude this study, share your thoughts about how self-image impacts our attitude toward others & our relationship with GOD.
- If you had to write one sentence about what you've learned from this week's theme, what would it be?