

Small Group Worship – Psalm 31

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Opening Scripture (3 Readers)

A Plea for Protection

READER 1: Lord, I seek refuge in you; let me never be disgraced. Save me by your righteousness.

READER 2: Listen closely to me; rescue me quickly. Be a rock of refuge for me, a mountain fortress to save me.

READER 3: For you are my rock and my fortress; you lead and guide me for your name's sake.

Song: "Solid Rock"

Scripture

Leader: You will free me from the net that is secretly set for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hand I entrust my spirit; you have redeemed me, Lord, God of truth. ⁶ I hate those who are devoted to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord. ⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in your faithful love because you have seen my affliction. You know the troubles of my soul ⁸ and have not handed me over to the enemy. You have set my feet in a spacious place. (Psalm 31:4-8)

Group Prayer Time (Potential Prayer Prompts below)

Adoration:

- We praise God that he is our Rock and our Refuge!
- We praise God that he is our Savior and Redeemer!

Confession:

- We confess that we have stepped into nets that ensnare us.
- We confess that we looked to other people or things as our refuge from this storm.
- We confess that we have not rejoiced in God's faithful love.

Thanksgiving:

- We thank our Father God for rescuing us!
- We thank God for his faithful love for us!
- We thank God that he has seen our affliction and that he knows all about our troubles.



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Petition:

- We pray that others would come to know Jesus Christ, our Rock and our Refuge.
- We pray that God would rescue those afflicted by the virus.
- We pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones due to the virus and other diseases.
- We pray for our church, our pastors and leaders, and government officials.
- We pray that God would end this pandemic and that believers would be strengthened to share their hope in Christ.
- We pray for health care workers...for their strength, their stamina, their health.
- We pray that the Lord would set our feet on the spacious place of trusting in him and leading others to do the same.

Hymn: "Day By Day" or "All I Have is Christ"

Scripture (Psalm 31:19-24)

Reader 1: How great is your goodness that you have stored up for those who fear you and accomplished in the sight of everyone for those who take refuge in you. ²⁰You hide them in the protection of your presence; you conceal them in a shelter from human schemes, from quarrelsome tongues.

Reader 2: Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his faithful love to me in a city under siege. ²²In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the sound of my pleading when I cried to you for help.

Reader 3: Love the Lord, all his faithful ones. The Lord protects the loyal, but fully repays the arrogant. ²⁴Be strong, and let your heart be courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord.

Small Group Discussion of the Above Passage:

Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" or "O Great God"

Closing Prayer