

Sermon Discussion Guide

September 11th, 2022

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: When anxious thoughts and worry overwhelm, invite Jesus to fight for you.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

- 1. What are some stories in the news lately that could cause people to worry?
- 2. What do you do when you feel anxious or out of control?

Transition / Open in prayer:

3. Describe a time in your life when you were content, happy, and/or carefree.

Life Examination:

READ Psalm 40

- 4. When was David's life stuck in the mud, in the slimy pit. List some of the seasons of his life when he faced hardship, fear, doubt, and pain.
- 5. How does God respond to David's cry? What do those images mean for David?
- 6. What are the good things that David does to help move his heart and mind off the worries of his life and onto God?
- 7. What are the things God does for David to remind David that his life matters and belongs with God?

READ Philippians 4:4-9

- 8. What does Paul encourage us to do when we start to feel anxious?
- 9. How does God's peace guard our hearts and minds?
- 10. How does what you think about affect how you feel?

Life Application:

- 11. What is the difference between being worry about something and being concerned about something?
- 12. How can you come alongside someone who is overwhelmed by their emotions?
- 13. On a scale of 1-10, what is the stress level in your life this week? What can our group do to help you with this stress?
- 14. When you are worried about circumstances in your life what two things you can do to find peace?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and specific worries in your lives this week.