

keeping wholeness in
mind



Sermon Discussion Guide

September 18th, 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: God is our safe place and allows us to become a safe place for others.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. Do you still have friends from High School or college? What has kept you connected over the years and miles?
2. Share one time when you or your family was able to be a help and support to a neighbor, friend, or stranger.

Transition / Open in prayer:

3. Describe a time when your life was threatened, either a physical reality, a relational upheaval, or a challenging transition.

Life Examination:

READ *Psalm 46*

4. What are some of the ways that God was a refuge, strength, and help for the people of Israel?
5. What does the river in verse 4 represent in this context?
6. What is the evidence that God is a secure place for us in verses 5-9?
7. Why do you think the writers says "be still" in verse 10?

READ *2 Corinthians 5:11-21*

8. Paul says, "what we are is plain to God." What are they?
9. What does reconciliation mean? We have been given the ministry of reconciliation and message of reconciliation, what is the difference between those two things?
10. How does one become the "righteousness of God"?

Life Application:

11. What are some ways that God could be your refuge, strength, and help in your current reality?
12. What is one way a person can "be still" in the midst of our busy lives?
13. Tell a story about one way you or someone you know has lived out the ministry or message of reconciliation.
14. When is it easy for you to see yourself as the "righteousness of God" and when is it difficult?
15. What is one way you can be a secure, safe relational attachment for another person this week?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and invite the Spirit of God to give you an opportunity to "ambassador" for Him this week.