**Psalm 22 – Lament of a Suffering Savior - Leader notes**

1. **If this past week was a song, what style of song would it be? Dance music, lament, blues, country, bee bop?**
2. **Have you been involved in the Psalms reading challenge for this summer? Why or why not? Do you like to be a part of a closed Facebook group, or not? Do you find it difficult to stay regular in your reading? What have you read you would like to share with our group?**
3. **To properly understand Psalm 22, we need to understand that laments should be interpreted through a grid of a court trial. What parts of a court trial do you see happening in Psalm 22?** (Address to judge (v.1); complaint (v.1,2); motivation for God to hear (v.3-5, v.9); accusation against adversary (v.7,12,13,16); petition (v.11,19-21); willingness to trust the judge (v.24); vow to praise for deliverance (v.22,27,30).
4. **Have you ever been in a court proceeding? What was it like**?

**5. Read 1 Peter 1:10-12 and 2 Peter 1:20-21. How can Scripture, which was written by humans, also be inspired by God? When you compare the following Scriptures, and see the way that Jesus fulfills minute details, does it strengthen your faith?**

 **Prophecy** **Fulfillment**

Ps.22:14 – bones out of joint

Ps. 22:16 – pierced hands and feet Luke 23:33

Ps. 22:18 – cast lots for my clothing Matt.27:35; Mk.15:24; Luke 23:34; Jn. 19:24

Ps. 22:7 – mocking, shame, insults Matt.27:41-42; Mk. 15:31; Luke 23:35

Ps. 22:1 – “why have you forsaken me?” Matt. 27:46; Mk. 15:34

Ps. 22:31 – “for he has done it” John 19:30

Ps. 22:14 – “I am poured out like water” Jn. 19:32-34

1. **Do you feel freedom to express your highs and lows in a worship service? Do you feel full freedom in this home group? What prevents you from being gut-level honest?**
2. **If Jesus suffered, though he was sinless and guiltless, was implication does that have for us when we go through various trials, persecutions and suffering? (**Jesus understands; Suffering isn’t always the result of sin; the just will live by faith; first comes the suffering and then comes the expression of praise.)
3. Psalm 22:22 is the turning point in this Psalm. **How does the music change? Do you have a recent experience that was a turning point from lament to dancing?**
4. **Read Psalm 22:27,30. How are we fulfilling this Scripture today?**
5. **Read Psalm 22:31 and John 19:30. What does “He has done it” mean?**