CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements Week of 1/2/22

Sermon Discussion Questions | Psalm 126

- 1. To summarize a quote by G.K. Chesterton: The outer ring of Christianity is sorrow and contrition, while the inner ring is joy and celebration; the outer ring of "modern philosophy" (moral relativism) is freedom, while the inner ring is despair. How have you found this to be true / false in your experience?
- 2. Psalm 126:4-6 calls us to pray for renewal and revival, while continuing the faithful labor of planting and watering seeds. Which of these (praying or laboring) is more of a struggle for you to do faithfully? Why do you think that is?
- 3. Consider the following quote: "The Bible teaches that the world was created in and from joy, and (because of Jesus' death and resurrection) will be returning to joy without end." What biblical truths lead you to celebrate? How does the gospel of Jesus Christ set us free to recognize the sadness of the world, but simultaneously have cause for joy and celebration?

Announcements:

- Registration Reminder: We continue to ask that folks <u>please register to attend on Sunday mornings</u>. Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need.
- For those working in a creative arts field (painting, film, music, writing, etc.) please consider joining the next Boston Fellows Arts Cohort starting February 2022.
 Through an 8-week curated curriculum, discussions will address the integration of faith and art under the categories of Creation, Fall, Redemption and Restoration. To learn more, please reach out to Paula Sachsenmeier.
- Save the date: the weekend of January 22nd there will be an open house at Rosemary Boyle's in Chelsea for CTKers to view the finished painting by Justin Augspurg that was commissioned by CTK as a gift for our former pastor Rick Downs. More details in the Reader.
- There is a **new monthly prayer meeting starting for congregants from churches across Cambridge** to come together and pray for our city. The first meeting will be this Friday, January 7, 2021, from 8:00-10:00 PM, at Pentecostal Tabernacle South. Let's join together as the body of Christ in Cambridge to worship, pray, encounter the Lord, and cry out for His kingdom to come in Cambridge!