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### **Upcoming Discipleship Groups**

**January 2024** the **Ladies**, **Men's**, and **Youth** groups will resume meeting. Please see the calendar on our church app for more details.

### Announcements -

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# Discipleship Groups

Discipleship groups will resume in January at Agape. Please check the calendar on our church app to view the dates for each group.

# Youth Girl's Discipleship Retreat

Plans are being made for a **discipleship retreat** for Youth girls in 2024. The dates are June  $14^{th} - 16^{th}$ . See Kadie or Josey for more info.

# Marriage Small Group

We are starting a new small group focused on strengthening marriages. The group will meet once a month in 2024 and the first gathering is on Sunday February  $4^{th}$  at 5pm at Agape. Childcare will be provided. Connect with this group on the church app, under Groups / Building Community.

GIVING

To give as part of worship, use the **offering box** in our main worship area OR give through **our Church Center app.** 



Sunday Morning
Worship Gathering
December 31st, 2023

# **Today's Text**

Psalm 143 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! <sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

<sup>3</sup>For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. <sup>4</sup>Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

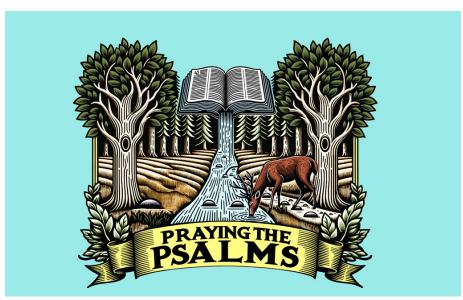
<sup>5</sup>I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. <sup>6</sup>I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

### **SERIESGOALS**

- Grow up in wisdom through the Psalms.
   Colossians 1:9-10
- 2. **Abide** in prayer when we gather. **Colossians 4:2**
- Practice personal habits of praying the scriptures.
   Colossians 3:1-2

<sup>7</sup>Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

<sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. <sup>10</sup>Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! <sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! <sup>12</sup>And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.



# **Resist Your Enemy**

David McConnell

———— Prayer Guide ————
You can use these questions to begin praying today's Psalm.

- 1. What did I **learn about God** through this Psalm?
- 2. Which words or phrases in the Psalm stood out to me?
- 3. How can I take what stood out and **apply it** to my prayers?
- 4. As I begin to pray for myself and others, what am I **praising God** for?

# **Preaching Guide**

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