

## **Week 4: God Came into the Mess**

Scripture: Psalm 89

Remembering the \_\_\_\_\_ is meant to help us remember \_\_\_\_\_.

- We look to the past with an eye on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 89 is a reminder that, even in the \_\_\_\_\_ of David's life, God was still \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

The \_\_\_\_\_ love of God shows up in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- This is the redemptive story: where once sin and brokenness sought to \_\_\_\_\_, God continued to be faithful and ultimately brought about \_\_\_\_\_ through this messy, \_\_\_\_\_ lineage.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is born into mess.
- The story of the world's \_\_\_\_\_ comes through \_\_\_\_\_ people, into messy stories, and in \_\_\_\_\_ ways to vulnerable people.

This is a story for us.

**Start talking.**

- Have you ever been forced to break an important promise? How was it taken by the “promisee”?

**Start thinking.**

- How does the Psalmist define love in vv1-2? To what covenant is he referring? (vv3-4)
- What is the connection between God’s faithfulness and might?
- The Psalmist’s God has power to create and defend. What other power does Yahweh wield (vv14-16)?
- To what theme does the psalmist return (vv19-29)? To whom did God speak to in a vision (v19)? What promises were made to David?
- What conditions were on the agreement? (vv30-31) How could God be “faithful” and still reserve the right to correct the errant king?

**Start sharing.**

- How does “Remembering backward” help you “remember forward”?
- Does God seem to keep his promises with you or have you felt misled or confused? What situation of life has called God’s promises into question?
- Do you see God at work in the adversities you face now? Do you feel free to go to God in the “hard times” or do you think you have to “be at your best”?
- Does God’s faithfulness excite you? Why or Why not? Do you make the Lord’s faithfulness known “through all generations”? What do you want others to know? How can you become a more effective broadcaster?

**Start praying.** *Be bold and pray with power.*

*God, sometimes it seems that everything in life is bearing down on me and I feel helpless and alone. I also recognize the brokenness of our world as I look around me. May I remember your steadfast love that goes before me every day and that I would live into the hope that gives me to live as an example of your love to those around me.*

**Start Doing:**

- Remember and tell a story of God’s faithfulness.
- Confess and repent to God your struggles and sin.
- Celebrate God’s steadfast love as you live your life.
- Acknowledge and thank God for His faithfulness in the past and place your current struggles at his feet and receive and live into the hope of what only He can do in your life.