

Mystic

Creatively Redemptive

Psalm 147:12-20 | Session 8.01

Before the Session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media)
- Have the lyrics for "Look at the World" printed on a poster or handout for people (words are printed below the youtube clip under the "show more" section).
- Have paper and pens available for people to use.

Reflections

Say: "Our first reflection is taken from the last scene of Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town." The main character, Emily, has died and her monologue speaks of the beauty of life. Death is often a good frame for helping us to notice God's graces and gifts around us, if we pay attention. As you watch the scene, what particulars of your own life come to mind that you have now to notice and enjoy. Jot these things down."

"Emily Webb's goodbye" from the Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town"

After the clip is played, invite people to finish their lists of the particulars in their own lives and spend a few moments with God reflecting on their lists in silent prayer. Give them about 5 minutes to do so.

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Say: "Our second reflection is on the song "Look at the World" by John Rutter. As the music plays, you may read the lyrics. After the song plays, jot down any thoughts that came to your mind as you listened. What struck you most about what you heard and saw on the clip?"

"Look at the World" by John Rutter, sung by the Cambridge Singers.

After the clip is played, give people about 5 minutes to jot down their thoughts and share them with God in silence if they wish to do so.

Say, "Our third reflection is on the text for today. As you listen to it, and view the video, consider how God might be working in your life, and in our world to create anew and redeem. After the text and video are read/played, jot down your thoughts and then share them with God in silence."

Content & Closure

Read Psalm 147:12–20, then watch the Bible Background Video.

After the text is read and the video is played, give people about 5–10 minutes to jot down their thoughts and share them with God in silence.

Invite people to share the insight/reflection that is foremost in their minds.

Close with prayer.

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