

Sermon Discussion Questions: Longing for Restoration (Psalm 80)
Advent Week 1: December 1, 2019

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?

2. Read Psalm 80:1-2. The Psalmist describes God's kingly leadership as a shepherd who leads his flock. What does Psalm 23 reveal about how this shepherd king leads us and how might this give us peace about our circumstances?

3. Often when we face hardships, great anxiety, and sadness our face falls and we get discouraged and defeated. How might having God's face shine on us cause us to experience restoration and greater assurance that we are saved? What do these other verses say about the effect of God's face shining on us: Numbers 6:24-27, Psalm 34:4-7, Psalm 4:6-7, Psalm 7:7-10.

4. Read Psalm 80:8-9 and Isaiah 5:1-4. What must the Vinedresser do to prepare the vineyard? How does the metaphor of calling God a vinedresser point to His patient working with His people? According to Isaiah 5:5-7, why is God judging this vine and how might this humble us?

5. How does the shepherd, the vine, and the man of God's right hand point us to Jesus and prepare us for His coming?

Prayerfully read through Malachi verses this week.

- **Adoration:** Read and adore God for His great character and kingdom clarified in the verse.
- **Meditation:** Read and consider key phrases, prepositions, people, plots, connections, and redemptive themes.
- **Confession:** Read and confess ways you don't reflect God's character and kingdom in the verse.
- **Thanksgiving:** Read and give thanks for God's grace, forgiveness, and help in or around the verse.
- **Supplication:** Read and seek God's guidance in applying the text. Write down application.

12/1 Psalm 80

12/2 Malachi 1:1-5

12/3 Malachi 1:6-14

12/4 Malachi 2:1-9

12/5 Malachi 2:10-16

12/6 Malachi 2:17-3:5

12/7 Psalm 2