

### **March 10, 2024 - Questions: Can I Fly Away?**

Feel free to **PICK AND CHOOSE** some of the questions below to engage with as a group. Before you leave, be sure to spend some time going over the **Top 3** things your group members need to know.

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#### **Connect:**

What is the longest road trip or flight that you've ever been on?

Who in your group has been in a car, bus, boat, or airplane for the longest consecutive period of time?

#### **Engage:**

##### **Read Psalm 55:1-5**

Again in this Psalm, we see the theme of someone overwhelmed by an issue and offering it in prayer to God.

Do you feel that you've grown in the last weeks of this sermon series in the area of taking your issues to God in prayer?

##### **Read Psalm 55:12-14 , 20-21**

In this passage, why is the shock of this betrayal so great?

What was the nature of the friendship between the two parties?

"Betrayal is expected from just about anyone in the world, but is most painful from those considered true friends."

Share a time when you felt that you'd been betrayed by someone you considered a friend.

How did you handle the situation?

What can you say that you learned from the experience?

Psalm 55 outlines three untrue impulses that we feel when we're betrayed.

1. The Impulse to Escape - "It can't bother me if I'm not there."
2. The Impulse to Destroy - "I'll teach them a lesson."
3. The Impulse to Carry It Alone - "If I don't let anyone else in, I can't be betrayed."

Which of these three do you reach for most often when you've been betrayed?

##### **Read Mark 14:18-19**

What do we learn about our own capacity for betrayal when we look at the example of Jesus's disciples? How can this change the way we look at those who have betrayed us?

#### **Apply:**

##### **Read Psalm 55:22-23**

"If your focus is on the betrayal - you'll be crushed, but if your focus is on God - you'll be equipped to bear it."

What is something that you need to do this week to give the weight of a fractured relationship to God? Is there something you need to let go of or an action you need to take?

#### **Prayer:**

Jesus, we thank you for your perfect example of loving those who betrayed you. Jesus, we ourselves are like them. God, help us to see your perfection, and, Holy Spirit, help us to see our fractured relationships made whole again. God, for those situations unredeemable on this side of Heaven, we pray for your love to fill the void in our lives left by the sting of betrayal and disappointment. Amen.

**Top 3:**

**Back to Two Services this Sunday - March 17**

We'll be back to our regular service schedules with 9:30 am and 11 am services this upcoming Sunday, March 17.

**Good Friday Night of Worship - March 29 at 6:00 pm**

Plan to join us for a night of worship and reflection as we remember Jesus's death and anticipate Easter.

**Easter - March 31 | Three Services**

We're looking forward to Easter this year with three worship services at 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am. Plan ahead and join us in inviting and praying for Easter.