HOPE THAT DOES NOT FAIL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PSALM 130

1	Psalm 130 is a penitential psalm. What insights can you gain about repentance from the following Penitential Psalms (6;32;38;51;102;130;143)?
2	In Psalm 130:1, the psalmist writes about an experience of being in "the depths." What do the "depths" refer to? Can you think of a time you felt alienated from God because of the guilt of sin or the results of sin?
	What seasons are you currently facing where you would describe yourself as in "the depths"? What does this psalm instruct you to do?
3	Often times in the Old Testament, different names for God may use the english word "Lord." How was the Psalmist's use of the names "YAHWEH" and "Adonai" significant in his plea for mercy?
4	Read the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14. Who received forgiveness?
	Do you know how your sins can be carried away? If you haven't already done so, take the time to write out your testimony of salvation.
5	In Psalm 130:4 the psalmist gives a reason why God forgives, namely so that he would be feared. In verse 4, there is a connection with forgiveness/mercy and fear of the Lord. Take some time to look up "fear' in an online bible concordance.

	Explain how forgiveness would produce "fear" of the Lord. What would this look like in your life?	
	How does 1 Peter 1:17-19 connect hope in the Lord and Fear.	
6	How can we determine the balance between waiting on the Lord expectantly versus intentionally prowhen Christ returns?	eparing and working toward the time
0	What does Psalm 130 teach us about the Old Testament sacrificial system?	
	Read Psalm 50:8-15; 51:16-19; Proverbs 14:9; Isaiah 1:11-17. How does this point to the future permanen	t sacrifice of Christ?
8	The cycle that is presented in this psalm is an important one for believers to know. Recognition of sin of the forgiveness of God, fearing him in committed devotion. At what stage do you usually break down w	, Crying out for mercy, remembrance then falling into "the depths?" PRAYER REQUESTS
	♥ What are some practical ways that you could grow in this?	
9	CS Lewis said "hope means a continual looking forward to the eternal world It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought the most of the next it is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in:" aim at earth and you will get neither."	
	What are some practical ways that you can aim at heaven while we still tary on earth? (For example, is God working in you toward more committed time with him, to more understanding of his word, to sacrifice for the sake of the Gospel?)	