

1. **Launchers: When have you felt most needy? And why?**

2. **Worship God: 1 Peter 3:18**

Worship the LORD for His sheer necessity and for His richness. Praise and adore Him for being so kind as to show you just how much you need Him, and for being so lavish in meeting your needs!

3. **Sermon Reflection: Apart From You There Is No Good, Psalm 16**

From Deepest Needs

- How are you currently experiencing neediness? – Follow up, is it a joyous neediness projecting you to God?
- What is your pattern of treating yourself and others around you when you are feeling needy?
- Why is our default deadness of spirit (just like the babies in the Soviet Union orphanage) when our needs go unmet?

To Needless

- In your most needy place, where did you go to cope?
- Were you able to say to that refuge, “I have no good apart from you” (v.2)? Did the coping mechanism get perpetually more violent just like ancient idolatries?
- How does Jesus meet us and gift us even after we have chosen “a portion” of this world? (Think Inheritance)

To Gracious, Endless Treasure

- Do you live as if you are immeasurably rich?
- Why is it so counter to our thinking that our immeasurable riches can come from one source? If we had faith in this reality’s truth, would your song sound just like David’s?
- When we try to throw away our inheritance in Christ, do you behave like it’s lost forever?
- Read v.6-11. How has Jesus lived this and why does this make the Great Exchange so beautiful (1 Peter 3:18)? (Especially connected with the previous question).

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

1. Worship the LORD for His sheer necessity and for His richness. Praise and adore Him for being so kind as to show you just how much you need Him, and for being so lavish in meeting your needs!

2. How have you ignored God, and behaved as if you can functionally live without Him? Confess your presumption to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and convince you of His sufficiency.

3. Give thanks to Jesus for succeeding where Adam (and we have) failed. Thank Him for bearing our multiple sorrows, pouring out His own blood as an atoning sacrifice, and taking even our name upon His lips to save us.

4. Who do you know who lives (or attempts to live) apart from the Lord? Pray for them, asking Jesus to have mercy on them and to reveal to them just how greatly they need Him, and also how present and generous He is.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to persuade you that God does not just give you “your portion and cup” but that He is “your portion and cup.” Ask Him to enlarge your understanding of just how truly rich you are in Christ!

5. **Mission: Christians are on mission to exemplify both their total neediness and total joy in Christ.**

- Make a list of your friends and enemies who are blissfully unaware of their neediness.
- Make a list of your friends and enemies who are mournfully aware of their neediness.
- Pray and ask Holy Spirit to transform your friends and enemies. Specifically, that they would not be conformed to this world, but that they would be transformed by the renewal of their minds
- Dream and pray about the wonders of our inheritance in Christ. Think about how fun it is that we are immeasurably rich forever!