Psalm 129-They have not gained the victory

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.

2. What makes you really upset? Usually we get upset about things that aren't right, and really upset about things that aren't right for us, how is this true for you?

3. Why is it so upsetting when people use power over and against someone else, or against us (this is really what oppression is)?

4. Why is fighting for our own justice really tricky? Why do we often go too far and become the oppressor when we fight for our cause and ourselves?

5. Read Psalm 129:1-4. What allowed the Psalmist to endure according to verse 4? Why is this so much more difficult than fighting for our own rights and justice?

6. Read Psalm 129:5-9. The Psalmist asks for the wicked to be turned back in shame and not succeed. Have you ever had those thoughts and why?

7. Read Romans 12:17-21. Is it difficult to make room for God's wrath, is so why? Is trusting in God to act rightly (Psalm 129:4) toward you difficult for you?

8. What injustice right now are you facing that you need to endure by waiting on God and not lashing out to fight for yourself? If the situation warrants, who could you ask to stand up for you?

9. Read Psalm 129:4 again. Have you ever had something or someone come against you (slander, gossip, been stolen from, abuse…) and you saw God cut the cords of the wicked set things straight over time? Share that story.

10. Pray together.