

The Unseen Hand

Pastor Don Rogers | Psalm 121:1-8
April 22, 2018 | Spring Cycle: Week 2 of 10

Personal Connection (25 minutes)

Icebreaker

Are you klutzy? Do you often find yourself tripping over or running into objects that seem to appear out of nowhere?

Nice to Meet You!

If you or anyone else is new to the group, please introduce yourselves and share what your favorite book or movie is.

Sharing Christ and Praying for Each Other

Does the closeness in your relationship with Christ encourage or challenge you to share Christ?

How has your week been going? How can your LIFE Group lift you up in prayer?

Review Last Sunday's *What Now?*

Allow the Lord to lead you. You are precious to him and he desires to be with you through EVERYTHING life brings you! No problem is so large that it overwhelms his love and grace.

Digging Deeper (30 minutes)

This Week's Key Concept:

The work, protection, and love of the Lord is beyond any measure we can comprehend.

Read Psalm 121:1-8

Q1. In times of trouble, struggle, and anxiety, what or who do you often turn to for help?

Q2. Have you ever experienced the Lord's divine protection? Please share your experience with your LIFE Group.

Q3. In verse 3, the psalmist refers to "not allowing your foot to be moved." What images do you think of when you hear this?

Q4. In verses 3 and 4, the psalmist repeats himself in saying that, "The One who watches over you will not sleep." What is the importance of repeating this truthful statement?

Q5. To the psalmist, protection from scorching sun was a real issue, as anyone who traveled over arid terrain during the heat of the sun knew. What do verses 5 and 6 mean to you today?

Q6. Reread verse 8. What is the importance of the psalmist saying, "The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and even forever more"?

Impact Questions

Q1. Since putting your faith in Christ, how have you experienced the Lord's closeness in life's ups and downs?

Q2. When the Lord watches over you and protects you, do your experiences differ? Can you tell the difference when you are under his care?

Q3. Are you at a point in your life that you are able to reflect on certain struggles and recognize why God has allowed those hardships?

Note: Oftentimes when we are going through periods in our life marked by extreme struggles, we lose sight of God. When all you see is your pain, you can't see God's hands at work in your life. You may not be able to see far past your circumstances, but know that God's love, healing, forgiveness, and will are far greater than anything you can imagine! Trust him and allow him to do what he does best!

What now? (15 minutes)

Pray to the Lord to strengthen his armour of protection in your life and that he would help us to become more aware of the grace and protection he freely gives. Pray that the protection he gives you would embolden you to live more fully in his presence and share him more often.

Closing Prayer (15 minutes)

Please pray for the ongoing ministries at Northwest and how you can participate. Please continue to pray for those who have been absent for a while; that the Lord would help reconcile us with our brothers and sisters. Please also pray that Northwest would continue to reach out to our surrounding community and provide for their needs and bring in new faces.

Sermon Notes: