

**MESSAGE OUTLINE**  
**Summer in the Psalms**  
**4. A People of Lament**

July 21, 2024

**Psalm 137:1-6 (NIV)**

- <sup>1</sup> By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.
- <sup>2</sup> There on the poplars  
we hung our harps,  
<sup>3</sup> for there our captors asked us for songs,  
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;  
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
- <sup>4</sup> How can we sing the songs of the Lord  
while in a foreign land?
- <sup>5</sup> If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
may my right hand forget its skill.
- <sup>6</sup> May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not consider Jerusalem  
my highest joy.

**NOTES:**

**The Church is a people who declare God's praise...**

*I will praise your name for ever and ever... One generation commends your works to another.*

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)*

**How does the Church worship in crisis?**

**Lament:**

**Together**

*By the rivers of Babylon **we** sat and wept when **we** remembered Zion. There on the poplars **we** hung **our** harps, v. 1-2*

**Authentically**

*By the rivers of Babylon we sat and **wept**...*

**Focused on Christ**

*If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. v.5*

**NOTES:**