

# Songs of Summer

Part 2 Our SUSTAINING God Psalm 40:1-17

1) God rescues the STUCK vs. 1-3, 27:14, 37:7, 69:3

- He INTENSELY listens to your cry vs. 1
- He INTENTIONALLY changes your path vs. 2
- He PURPOSEFULLY renews your heart vs. 3
- The result is INFLUENCE vs. 3

2) Five RESPONSES to God's rescue vs. 4-17

- God receives all the CREDIT vs. 4-5
- God receives your deeper DEVOTION vs. 6-8
- God is CELEBRATED among your 'congregation' vs. 9-10
- God receives your CONFESSION vs. 11-12
- God is counted upon for your FUTURE problems vs. 13-17

## Life Group Questions – June 9, 2019

**Psalm 40:1-3:** *I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup> He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear And will trust in the LORD.*

### QUICK REVIEW

1. Read Psalm 145:3. What does it mean that "God's greatness is unsearchable"? How should we respond to this truth?
2. What is the cause of hard-heartedness? In what ways do you test God?
3. Read Hebrews 3:7-4:11. Compare and contrast God's geographical and relational rest.

### MY STORY

1. Have you experienced a time when God overtly answered your prayer by purposely taking you out of a difficult circumstance and deliberately putting you in a fresh, new and now-safe situation? What was the result in your heart?
2. At one time or another, many of us have respected or even rivaled a known prideful person. How did that season of adulation conclude? How would you respond to them if you had a "do-over"? How do you view that same person today?
3. Read 1 Samuel 15:22-23. Why is God dissatisfied with sacrifices and offerings? What is it that He truly wants? Do you actually delight to do His will? Is God's law within your heart? Explain.

### GOING DEEP

1. Read Isaiah 65:24. God promises in the millennial future that He will hear our prayers before we can even finish praying them. How does this demonstrate that His attention is riveted to our prayers? Can we say the same thing of our Sovereign God today? (see Daniel 10:12) How does He feel about the prayers of those who are in rebellion? (see Psalm 34:17; Proverbs 15:29; John 9:31; 1 Peter 3:12)
2. As a result of new-found freedom, God puts a "new song in your mouth" (spontaneous praise). Why is it important to acknowledge that He is the source of these songs or words of praise? What happens when we become indifferent to His deliverance?

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?