

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: Ancient Voices for Unsettled Times

Sermon: Zechariah: Hope Beyond Unsettled Times

Scripture: Zechariah 4:1-6

And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. ² And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³ And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." ⁴ And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"

⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." ⁶ Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

Reflection Questions:

When are some times you have been waiting for restoration? When do you feel that longing in your own life? How might Zechariah speak to your situation?

In what ways can you actively show justice and compassion for the most vulnerable neighbors around you or in our city? Why is that so important to God?

Jesus is pictured as Priest and King. What does each title mean for what He does and who He is?

Zechariah says restoration comes not by power nor might, but by the Spirit. What does this look like in your life?

What are some ways you can look beyond your own unsettled times and look to the coming hope we have in Christ?

Guided Prayer:

Praise God for who He is, specifically a humble, priest-king. Praise God for what he does, specifically brings righteousness and salvation. Praise God for His ways, specifically, "not by power, not by might, but by my Spirit." Ask God to help you to have a deeper hope and trust in Him. Repent of any ways you do not place your hope fully in Him. Ask God to help you to live more fully in faith. Praise God that Jesus has already secured your hope through His death and resurrection. In Jesus' name, Amen.