

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of April 20, 2008

Getting started: What is one aspect of being part of God's people that you are particularly thankful for?

Open your Bible to Psalm 147

- Read vv.1-6 aloud together. What do you remember from Ezra, Nehemiah and the prophets about how the Lord built up Jerusalem after the exile?
- How did the Lord gather you to his holy city? Were there wounds he had to bind up?
- Look at Isaiah 40. How does God use his words about the stars in vv.25-26 in the larger point of the chapter?
- What songs do we sing that capture some of the ideas of this first stanza—vv.1-6
- Read vv.7-11 aloud together. Why is vv.10-11 praiseworthy news to God's people?
- What songs do we sing that mirror this praise?
- Read vv.12-20 aloud together. Do you think the psalmist might be suggesting that sometimes God's word is icy and sometimes flowing with life like a spring river?
- How has God's word strengthened and blessed you lately?



Please pray for...

- The missionary on the card you received Sunday
- White roses—people to come to Christ through folks at VCL; pray for open doors for the gospel

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Nothing could be more fitting or satisfying than praising the Lord for the wonderful privileges of being his beloved people.

**Praise the Lord that he builds his great nation from _____
_____ (vv.1-6; Is. 40:25ff.; Rev. 21-22)**

**Praise the Lord that he _____ in those who simply _____
_____ (vv.7-11)**

**Praise God who gives his _____ to _____ and
_____ (vv.12-20)**