

SERIES: *Christmas: Past, Present & Future*
TITLE: *Future*
SPEAKER: *Pastor Kip McCormick*
PASSAGE: *Psalm 46:1-10 and John 16:33*
DATES: *December 18-19, 2021*



MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- When Jesus is your security, you can step into the dark in confidence.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are some times in your life when God has been your refuge and strength in difficult times?
 - Psalm 20:7 says, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Do you think the default of humans is to trust in horses and chariots or God? Why?
 - What are some practical things we as Christians can do in order to have our default response in hard times be to look to God (i.e. prayer, memorizing scripture, gathering with community, etc.)?
 - Even though it can be hard to remember in the moment, what evidence do you have of God having shown up for you in the darkness?
 - As Kip pointed out, money, planning, and science are all good things, however, they can quickly become idols. Idols that we turn to for security rather than God. What do you tend to turn to or rely on rather than the Cross? What would it look like to lay those things down and just be in the refuge of God?
 - What part of Psalm 46 stands out to you the most and why?
 - What "what if" most often occurs to you and why?
 - As a small group, is there anything that you are walking through right now that feels dark, uncertain, lonely, or just plain hard that we can be praying for you?
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NEXT STEPS

- Find a verse you can memorize that will help you in difficult times.
- Take time to meet with God this week to give him gratitude for his promise of "with-ness."