

Outreach

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your merch; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Look

Words are tricky things. Sometimes they come loaded with extra meaning due to our cultural context. However words are just symbols for ideas, and regardless of the overloaded meaning of a word, it's the idea behind it that deserves real thought.

1. What does the word "outreach" mean to you?
2. What sort of outreach ministries have you felt called to (or tried) in the past?
3. Everyone say the word "outreach" (literally). What sort of emotion does it stir inside you, if any?

Book

Psalm 149

This psalm was a part of the Israelite psalter, or prayerbook. It gives us an insight into how the Israelites worshipped and what was important to them.

1. What does the first stanza (v2-5) express about the Israelite mindset?
2. What are some specific words in this section that help you to connect with the psalm?
3. Contrasted with the first stanza, what is your reaction to the second stanza (v6-9)?

Took

The discussion of outreach can be a touchy topic. In some it can evoke feelings of joy, while in others it can evoke feelings of trepidation or even resistance. Whether we know it or not, God is calling us to acts of outreach all the time, but the form of that outreach can vary greatly from person to person in accordance to their gifts.

1. What sort of act of outreach did you perform in the last week?
2. What were the results of it for those you reached out to, yourself or any others involved?
3. What can you do this week to further explore your specific calling in the realm of outreach?