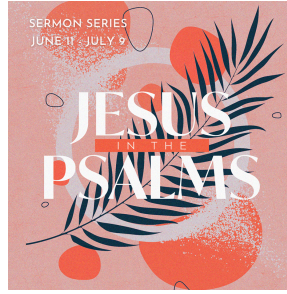


Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



July 9, 2023 - "Prophecy" - #5 in the series Jesus in the Psalms

Texts Referenced: Psalm 118: 1-4, 22-29; Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:11 NIV

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Think about the definition/purpose of a cornerstone in constructing a masonry building - *Traditionally, the first stone laid for a structure with all other stones laid in reference to it.*
 - How does this definition help us consider the importance of order and process in reaching a successful result?
 - How does a cornerstone help us understand the importance of prophecies about Jesus as the Messiah?
3. **Read Psalm 118:1-4.**

Consider the repeating phrase, "his love endures forever."

 - What is the significance of the repetition of this phrase?
 - How do these words connect with our understanding of the definition/purpose of a cornerstone?
4. **Read Psalm 118:22-24.**

Some scholars believe the "stone the builders rejected" was David's prophetic reference to the Messiah; others believe it's a reference to himself.

 - What is the significance of an imperfect stone being chosen for a cornerstone?
 - How do these verses help us think about processes that depend on specific procedures, rules, elements, or resources to produce a successful outcome (e.g., baking cookies, conducting a lab experiment, operating a vehicle)?
5. **Read Matt. 21:42 and Acts 4:11.**
 - What's the significance of Jesus referencing the role of the cornerstone in the Matthew text and Luke in the Acts text?
 - How can these verses help us think about our imperfections in the grand scheme of our faith journey?
6. How can we pray for you?