

## Community Group Discussion Questions

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### “To Be Local”

#### Psalm 87

**Summary:** Because God has welcomed us by grace, we have the privilege of welcoming others to be local / native in the city of God. Being a citizen of God’s city means 1. Receiving his unbelievable love, 2. Embracing its diverse membership, 3. Joyfully drinking life-giving water

#### **Sermon Points:**

1. A city united by God’s love
2. A city united in diversity
3. A city delighting in life-giving water together

**Main Idea:** *“Though broken by sin, God still works through the church for His kingdom and glory.”*

**We are taking a break from our “Church Beginnings” sermon series to look at Psalm 87, preached to us by Pastor David Rapp.**

#### **Read Psalm 87**

1. What does this psalm show us about the kinds of people God wants to know him and who he will make part of his people? Does anything about this surprise you? Encourage you? Why? What assumptions and attitudes in us might this challenge?
2. How does the make-up of God’s city reveal that membership is by sheer grace alone? How does that display God’s love for his people and provide a basis for security?
3. What might it look like for our church to love the people of our city who are different from us or might seem so far from the city of God? How might we seek to build bridges to diverse groups of people (including those who believe or behave differently from us) where we might be inclined to build walls?
4. How should we lament the sins of racism, and confess, condemn, and repent of our own racial sins, and beg for God’s mercy?

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5. What do you think would characterize a joyful, exuberant, life-giving community that is satisfied by the gospel of grace? How can we seek to embody that and welcome others in?