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STUDY 6

**"HIM WHOM WE HAVE PIERCED":
A JOURNEY OF REFLECTION, PRAYER AND WORSHIP
(Zechariah 12:1 – 13:9)**

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WELCOME



For this session...

- We will take a break from the usual style of doing Bible study.
- Instead, we will be immersing ourselves in the Scriptures in a more reflective and prayerful manner
- It would help to have on hand a physical Bible, hard-copy journal and a pen.
- You can use your mobile phone to jot down your prayers and reflections but switch it to airplane mode
- Get comfortable. Make sure you have a tumbler of water ready, to minimize distractions and movement during the session

Centering down: A mini-Examen

Give Thanks

- Remember the blessings that the Lord has given to you today.
- Be specific about so that you can become more grateful for His grace in your life.

Recall God's Presence

- Consider how God was present with you today: through places, events, persons. You may have experienced God being with you even in unpleasant experiences e.g. stressful situations.
- If you feel that God was absent in your day, or you were not conscious of Him, reflect on why that may be the case.



WORSHIP (Segment 1)

- Through It All (Hillsong)
- Your Presence is Heaven (Israel Houghton & Darlene Zschech)





WORD

Read: Overview of Zechariah 12:1-13:9

- Zechariah 12:1–13:6 represents an oracle from God concerning His salvation plan: ***God is going to renew His people!***
 - He will make Jerusalem a fortress impenetrable by the nations, transforming Jerusalem and his Davidic king into a mighty army
 - He will provide cleansing, and remove idolatry and false prophecy from the land
- The passage contains a number of verses that are quoted in the Gospels and fulfilled in the life of Jesus. We will be praying and reflecting over these together.



Reflect & Pray

Prayerfully reflect on Zechariah 12:10 and John 19:31-37

- In Zechariah 12:10 God talks about how His people have pierced ***Him*** – *what a staggering thought! The Almighty God ... **pierced**?*
- It is easy to grow apathetic about the fact that we have pierced our LORD Jesus with our sins! Pray for God to pour out His **grace** upon you that we might **mourn** for our sin again (Zech 12:10).



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- Prayerfully enter the scene in John 19:31-37. Imagine yourself looking at the lifeless body of Jesus on the cross.
- What emotions do you experience as you see the soldier pierce Jesus's side, causing blood and water to gush out (John 19:34)?
- Sit at the foot of the cross, rest in the love that Christ has poured out on you, and believe in Him all over again (John 19:36)
- **Jot down your thoughts and prayers in your journal.**



WORSHIP (Segment 2)

- Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (Getty, Matt Boswell & Matt Papa)
- Love Ran Red (Chris Tomlin)





Reflect & Pray

Prayerfully reflect on Zechariah 13:7-9 and Matthew 26:26-35

- Don't miss the irony: right after Jesus institutes the LORD's supper, which is about His covenantal **loyalty** to His people, He predicts that His disciples will be **disloyal** to Him and abandon Him (Matt 26:31)
- We too are like Peter – we don't know how weak and fallible we truly are (Matt 26:32)



Reflect & Pray

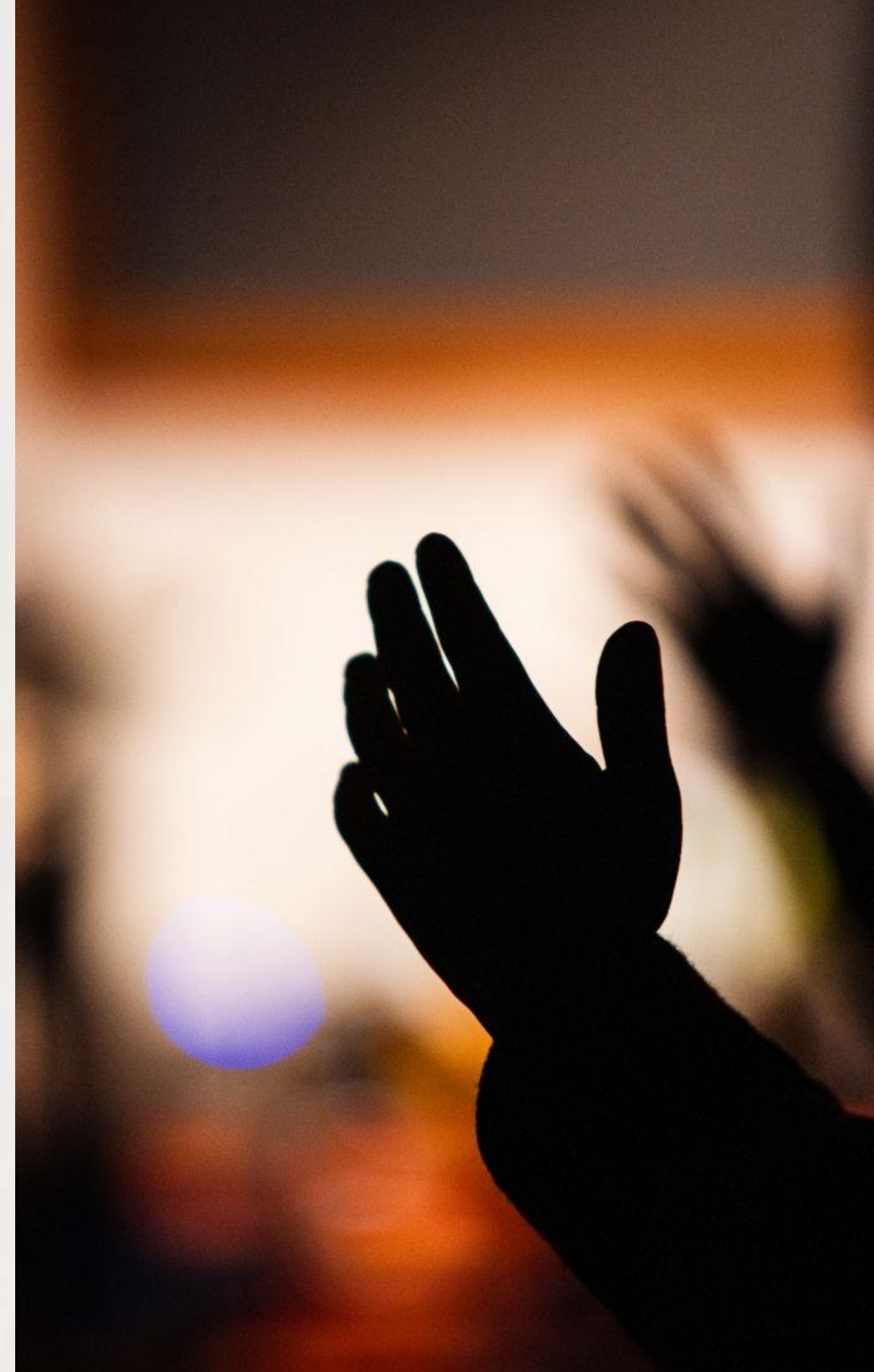
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- **Write a prayer of confession to the Lord** about the times you walked away from Him and were disloyal to Him in your life
- As you write this prayer, don't feel condemned. Know that God has already forgiven you!
- **Pray for God to refine your heart** and make your heart pure, that you may **draw closer to Him** in deeper intimacy (Zech 13:9)!



WORSHIP (Closing)

- Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me (CityAlight)
- Thousand Hallelujahs (Brooke Ligertwood)





Share and pray

- In your accountability group of 2-3, share the most significant thing that God spoke to you about in your time of prayer
- Share about one thing you will start doing, stop doing, or continue doing in order to be obedient to what God has spoken to you
- Commit one another to the Lord, asking for His grace to empower us. Intercede for non-Christians that you know to be drawn to the cross of Jesus. Jesus the true Shepherd wants them to be part of His sheepfold too (John 10:16).



Additional Resources for Further Study

- Gregory, Bryan R. *Longing for God in an age of discouragement: the Gospel according to Zechariah*. P & R Publ., 2010.
- Anthony R. Petterson, ed. David W. Baker and Gordon J. Wenham, vol. 25, *Apollos Old Testament Commentary* (Nottingham, England; Downers Grove, IL: Apollos; InterVarsity Press, 2015)
- Andrew E. Hill, ed. David G. Firth, vol. 28, *Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries* (Nottingham, England: Inter-Varsity Press, 2012)
- Mark J. Boda, *The NIV Application Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 2004)