

“How Shall We Sing the Lord’s Song in a Foreign Land?”

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Psalm 137 - (NKJV)

By the rivers of Babylon

There we sat down, yea, we wept

When we remembered Zion.

We hung our harps

Upon the willows in the midst of it

For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song

And those who plundered us requested mirth,

Saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?”

A. We Live in a Ghetto

1. Outside our “walls” no one knows our language

2. “They” think we are narrowed minded

A. They only know us for what we’re against

3. We don’t even like each other

A. “We tend to hate those who sin differently than we do.”

B. How do we create a “Bridge” between “us” and “them”?

1. We need a strategy

2. 1 Peter 3:14-16

A. “Be prepared to make a defense . . . for the hope that is in you;”

B. “. . . with gentleness and respect,”

3. Colossians 4:5-6

A. “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, . . . with grace, seasoned with salt . . .”

4. Can asking questions be the answer?

A. Applying 2 and 3 (above)

B. Gardeners and Harvesters

1. “Pre-Evangelism”

2. John 4

C. Advancing the conversation - Get Clarity - Discover the Truth

A. Tell me more?

B. And?

C. That’s interesting, why do you say that?

D. What do you mean by that?

E. How did you reach that conclusion?

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C. Thoughts about Evangelism into today’s culture

Rest of Psalm 137 - (NKJV)

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget its skill!
If I do not remember you,
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth -
If I do not exalt Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.

Remember, O Lord, against the sons of Edom
The day of Jerusalem,
Who said, “Raze it, raze it,
To its very foundation!”

O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed,
Happy the one who repays you as you have served us!
Happy the one who takes and dashes
Your little ones against the rock!