



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Radio Spirituality Yahweh

Read/Reflect

1. Read Exodus 3:7-15. Why do you suppose God’s revelation of His name---Yahweh—is so significant? Is there a connection between the cry of God’s people for redemption and this name being revealed? Reviewing the words of U2’s song (included with this guide), how does the title of this song and the way in which it’s sung make sense?
2. Read the lyrics of the song out loud. Which part of the song do you most resonate with? How is this song like a modern Psalm (i.e. Psalm 40)?

Explore

1. Bruce said: “If you read the Bible, one of the big trajectories you’ll find there is this deep, passionate longing for a better world. The Biblical poets and song writers looked out over a world in which there was violence and injustice and poverty and all the other evils brought on by human sin and rebellion. And they began to write and sing about a time in which all of these things that destroy life would themselves be destroyed and done away with forever. They dreamt about a time when love and faithfulness would meet each other, and righteousness and peace would kiss and the glory of the Lord would fill the whole earth.” Do you share this same longing? If so, how is it manifest in your life?
2. Imagine you are a superstar with a global reach. What message would you try to communicate to this world these days in the songs that you write

Pray

- Pray for this world. Some people echo the idea of “How Long”. Pray for them. Some people, echo the idea of “Take this Heart”. Pray for them. Some people echo the idea, “When Love Came to Town”. Pray for them.

Yahweh by U2
 Take these shoes
 Click clacking down some
 dead-end street
 Take these shoes
 And make them fit
 Take this shirt
 Polyester white trash made in
 nowhere
 Take this shirt
 And make it clean, clean
 Take this soul
 Stranded in some skin and
 bones

Take this soul
 And make it sing
 Yahweh, Yahweh
 Always pain before a child is
 born
 Yahweh, Yahweh
 Still I'm waiting for the dawn
 Take these hands
 Teach them what to carry
 Take these hands
 Don't make a fist
 Take this mouth
 So quick to criticize
 Take this mouth

Give it a kiss
 Yahweh, Yahweh
 Always pain before a child is
 born
 Yahweh, Yahweh
 Still I'm waiting for the dawn
 Still waiting for the dawn, the
 sun is coming up
 The sun is coming up on the
 ocean
 This love is like a drop in the
 ocean
 This love is like a drop in the
 ocean

Yahweh, Yahweh
 Always pain before a child is
 born
 Yahweh, tell me now
 Why the dark before the
 dawn?
 Take this city
 A city should be shining on a
 hill Take this city
 If it be your will
 What no man can own, no
 man can take
 Take this heart and make it
 break