



ASCENT: The Upward Look #2 **Sunday, Aug 28, 2022** **Gahanna campus**

WELCOME (15 minutes)

- **Ice Breaker:** The three most common fears among adults are the fear of flying, the fear of public speaking, and the fear of heights. Of these three, which are you most afraid of? If none, what is your greatest fear?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- Using your favorite streaming service, sing together “Morning By Morning (I Will Trust)” by Pat Barrett. Lyrics are on the back

WIN (15 minutes)

- **PRAY** for friends, co-workers, family, etc. that don’t know Jesus
- **TALK ABOUT** what you can do **as a small group** to help reach them!

WORD (25 minutes)

Have 2 readers read Psalm 122. Reader A = odd verses; Reader B = even verses.

1. Read again vs 1-2. When you come to church on Sunday mornings, what distracts you from entering into worship with the same attitude of the psalmist? What can you do to prepare your heart for worship before you come?
2. David reminds the pilgrims that Jerusalem is the site for God’s “thrones of judgment” (v. 5). Why might this be an important reminder for the pilgrims who were on their way to worship in Jerusalem? Why might this be an important reminder for us?
3. Read again vs 6-9. What does the pilgrim’s prayer for peace in these verses tell us about their present experience? How is your current experience in life similar to these pilgrims? How is it different?
4. What are the greatest causes of unrest in your life today? How does this Psalm encourage us to respond when our sense of security is threatened?
5. What difference does trusting in God’s love for you make as you try to persevere through difficult times? In what situation will you trust Him more this week?

WORKS (25 minutes)

- Break down into smaller units of 2 or 3s to pray with and for each other!

“Morning By Morning (I Will Trust)” by Pat Barrett

Daily, daily, I surrender
Grace for today is all that I need
Surprised by a mercy that's new every
morning
Awaken my soul to sing
Oh, awaken my soul to sing

I will trust where You lead
I will trust when I can't see
Morning by morning
Great is Your faithfulness to me

Breath by breath overtaken by wonder
One step at a time when I'm
overwhelmed
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow
Awaken my soul to sing
Oh, awaken my soul to sing

I will trust where You lead
I will trust when I can't see
Morning by morning
Great is Your faithfulness to me

I will trust with all my heart
You are good, You always are

Morning by morning
Great is Your faithfulness to me

All fear be reminded
My future is secure
Oh, my Father has spoken
And He keeps His every word

All fear be reminded
My future is secure
Oh, my Father has spoken
And He keeps His every word

So I will trust
I will trust You
Oh, morning by morning
Oh, morning by morning

I will trust where You lead
I will trust when I can't see
Morning by morning
Great is Your faithfulness to me

I will trust with all my heart
You are good, You always are
Morning by morning
Great is Your faithfulness to me