

The Way of Christ



A PENTECOST SERIES

Week 5: Fare the Well

Dates: June 27, 2021

Primary Text: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

Supplementary Texts: Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7–15; Mark 5:21–43

Topic(s): Lament, Goodwill, Forgiveness

Big Idea of the Message: David mourns the loss of Saul, with words that seem quite different from the Saul we know from the Scriptures.

Application Point: Show respect to those who have come before, no matter their actions, and speak well of those who follow Jesus.

We are not used to expressing goodwill toward those who have harmed us. David spent years on the run because of the anger of Saul. And yet, he laments as if for a lost parent. This is a shadow of the Christ to come, who goes one step further: he does not merely lament for those who hurt him—he actually lays down his life for them, for you. It is because of this work of God that we can now do the same for those who have hurt us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever had enemies? What did they do to you? What did you do to them?
3. When people mistreat you, how do you respond?
4. Have you ever had "mixed feelings" when someone dies? How do you handle those feelings?
5. How do you deal with sad moments in your life?
6. Close your time together in prayer.