

## Joy that Starts with Weeping

### Psalm 126

July 5, 2020

#### I. The Restoration of God (V. 1-4)

- A. The Christian life is a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- B. Too good to be true (Isaiah 64:1-4).
- C. The Life of David Brainerd (1718-1747)
- D. A restored life can experience no \_\_\_\_\_ that cannot be turned into \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. Sowing in Tears (V. 5-6)

- A. A restored life can endure any \_\_\_\_\_ as long as leads to the glory of God.
- B. A restored life is \_\_\_\_\_ investment, not earthly \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The fruit of David Brainerd's ministry.
- D. A restored life starts with \_\_\_\_\_ but ends in joy.

## **Group Discussion**

1. What are your initial takeaways from reading Psalm 126?
2. Have you ever experienced God's restoration in a way that felt too good to be true, like verse 1 says? How?
3. Can God turn any level of grief and suffering into joy? How? Share your experience of this truth.
4. How is being restored by God a heavenly investment, instead of earthly security? What are the effects on discipleship if this truth is not realized?
5. What stands out to you the most about the life of David Brainerd?
6. Take time to share as a group about your heavenly investments, especially how you are doing reporting gospel connections, conversations, and conversions.

### **Recommended Reading for Further Study:**

1. Read *An Account of the Life of Reverend Mr. David Brainerd* (Free on Google Books)
2. Read *The Hidden Smile of God* by John Piper

### **Read with Our Pastors and Deacons:**

This Week: Read Psalm 135-139

The Next Two Months: Memorize 139:7-12