

Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Free Church
August 14, 2022 – ESC Worship Service



Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading – 2 Samuel 1:1–15

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “Lament – Good Grief”

Response in Song

Offering and Prayer for the Offering

Doxology

Community Time and Announcement

- Welcome to our church! If you like us to connect with you, please email us at hello@vcefc.org and someone from our care team will reach out to you.
- Pastor Tom Ford, a former interim ESC Pastor between 2010–2011 has passed away and is now with our Lord. There will be a Celebration of Life memorial service for him at the church on Thursday, August 18th at 6:30pm.
- Join us on Saturday August 27th to help clean up the neighbourhood that God has placed us in. We will meet at Sunrise park (Windermere & 3rd Ave) at 10:30am. Cleaning supplies and equipments will be provided. Also Join our neighbours back at Sunrise park after the clean-up at 12 noon for a free BBQ celebration. To help us better anticipate of how many people to expect, please sign-up at the fellowship hall after the worship service or through the church website.
- “Brothers and sisters of 65 years ago and up are invited to the Senior Sunday luncheon on August 21. Please pick up your luncheon ticket from Sister Nancy Lee (or from the church office front desk) before and after the CSC service on July 31, August 7, and August 14.”

- “Summer Learning As A Community” – a video series on “Psalms – A Devotional Exposition” By Dr. Bruce Waltke of Regent College until September 25. Every Sunday 11:30–12:30. Class held in-person in the Fellowship Hall or on zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7876891881>

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

(May) the Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. -Amen

Sermon Reflection Questions

To begin:

Seventy percent of the Psalm are laments(for example, Psalms 12, 44, 86). Why do you think that is?

or

What place does lament have in your life?

1. What key information does verse 1 provide us with?
2. What’s wrong with the messengers’ story (see 1 Samuel 31:4–5)? What did he hope to gain, do you think?
3. What might be significant about the reference to and presence of Amalekites throughout this passage in the context of Saul’s death (see 1 Samuel 15:17–23)?
4. Are you surprised that David responds with mourning, weeping, and lamentation – not just for Jonathan and the house of Israel, but also for Saul? Why do you think he laments the death of Saul?
5. What do you notice about what David does and does not mention about Saul in his poem of lament?

6. David wrote his lament for Saul and Jonathon for the whole of Israel, What are the benefits of lamenting together as a community?