

**The Redeemed**

Summer Lectionary

[Psalm 107:1-9](#)

The lectionary passage this week comes from the book of Psalms. The gratitude and joy described at beginning and end of the passage are possible only through the redemption of the brokenness and wandering of the psalmist described in verses 4-7. As followers of Jesus we strive to live daily in gratitude and joy, but to arrive in that place we too must experience wandering.

- **When have you felt the way the psalmist describes in verses 4-7?**
- **Has there been a time in your life when you did not even know how to cry out to God?**

To arrive at the place where God can redeem our stories requires us to address the brokenness that is unavoidable in each of our lives. Our nature is to hide our scars, but we are reminded that the resurrected Jesus made His scars visible. If we, too, want to experience the joys of a redeemer God, we need to look at our own scars, and the story that each has to tell. Some of our scars might be old and faded, others fresh and painful. The psalmist reminds us that none of us escape broken situations, but when we remember and share, we too can experience the praise and joy of the psalmist.

- **Think about your own story and testimony. If you haven't yet thought about it, journal your thoughts, and share it with someone else.**
- **How have you seen the Lord redeem your scars and deliver you?**

*O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! (Psalm 107:1-2)*