

# SMALL GROUP RESOURCES FOR “CAN WE TALK?: RANTING, REJOICING, AND REIMAGINING WITH THE PSALMS”

We have several resources to help enhance each small group discussion:

## 1. The Book List

The main published resource for “*Can We Talk: Ranting, Rejoicing, and Reimagining with the Psalms*” is the book “*Psalms*” by Jerome F.D. Creach. This is a ten-chapter book that can be read all at once, a few chapters at a time, or working through specific Psalms each week throughout our seven week series. A second book which we will work through with our skype guests and within our sermon series at Countryside Community Church in Omaha is “*The Message of the Psalms*” by Walter Brueggemann. This book helps us to view the Psalms within the categories of “Orientation, Disorientation and New Orientation,” and will be a helpful lens from which to read and meditate on the Psalms. A few other books you might like to check out during this series are: (1) “*The Complete Psalms*” by Pamela Greenberg, (2) “*Seeing the Psalms*” by William P. Brown, and “*Answering God: The Psalms as Tools for Prayer*,” by Eugene H. Peterson. Two of these authors are on our skype guest schedule. Feel free to share any other book titles on this topic with our community on our Darkwood Brew’s Facebook page or email us and let us know and we’ll share it within the conversations.

## 2. Blogs

Each day of each week in “*Can We Talk: Ranting, Rejoicing, and Reimagining with the Psalms*” series, we have asked a number of bloggers to share their thoughts and experiences with us to help get the discussions going. These discussions can be found under the “Blog” tab on this website.

Here is a schedule of bloggers:

**Mondays:** Chris Repp, ELCA Pastor, Teacher, Carbondale, IL  
**Tuesdays:** Chuck Marohnic, Musical Director, Darkwood Brew  
**Wednesdays:** Donna Knutson, Landscape Designer, Poet, Omaha  
NE



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- Thursdays:** Scott Griessel, Producer, Darkwood Brew  
**Fridays:** Joshua Sawyer, Disciples of Christ Pastor and Social Media Director for Darkwood Brew  
**Saturdays:** Margaret McGrath, Author, Omaha NE

### 3. The “Guided Episode”

We have developed a 15 minute video “Guided Episode,” which is a summary of our Darkwood Brew Worship Service for each of the weeks of the **“Can We Talk: Ranting, Rejoicing, and Reimagining with the Psalms”** series. This Guided Episode can be used for a video introduction to small group discussion each week. We have built in places for “Pauses” so that your group can stop and have a discussion of their own, before moving on with the video. We also have several other smaller clips from the episodes available under each week, like the full interviews with each skype guest, and the musical features from each week. All of these smaller portions of the Full Show can be found under the “episodes” or “recent” or “music” tabs of this website.

### 4. Countryside Community Church Worship Service Recordings

**“Can We Talk: Ranting, Rejoicing, and Reimagining with the Psalms”** series is scheduled to follow worship services at Countryside Community Church in Omaha, NE, so sermons from these worship services can also be a great help in getting your discussions started. Audio <http://countrysideucc.org/about-us/sermons/> and Video <http://vimeo.com/channels/countrysidesermons> recordings of the 9:00 and 11:00 services are available.

### 5. Darkwood Brew “Full-Show” Worship Videos

Each of the Darkwood Brew Worship Videos, marked as “Full-show” and found on the “Recent” tab of this website, include a discussion with the Skype Guest on **“Can We Talk: Ranting, Rejoicing, and Reimagining with the Psalms”** theme for each week. These videos are much longer than our “Guided Episode” summaries, but might be used as a “preview” for your small group participants prior to your meeting, and still be another wonderful source for discussion in when you gather in your small group. Here is the schedule for each week of the series:



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***“Can We Talk: Ranting, Rejoicing, and Reimagining with the Psalms”*** Special Skype Guests:

**7/24/11** *“Can We Talk: ...the Psalms”*

Part 1: Psalms of Orientation - Pamela Greenberg

<http://www.thecompletepsalms.com/author.htm>

**7/31/11** *“Can We Talk: ...the Psalms”*

Part 2: Psalms of Orientation – Dan Anderson

**8/7/11** *“Can We Talk: ...the Psalms”*

Part 2a: Psalms of Orientation - Rolf Jacobson

**8/14/11** *“Can We Talk: ...the Psalms”*

Part 3: Psalms of Disorientation – [Beth Tanner](#)

**8/21/11** *“Can We Talk: ...the Psalms”*

Part 4: Psalms of Disorientation – Jason Byasse

**8/28/11** *“Can We Talk: ...the Psalms”*

Part 5: Psalms of New Orientation – Bill Brown

**9/4/11** *“Can We Talk: ...the Psalms”*

Part 6: Psalms of New Orientation – Bruce Van Blair



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For any questions or suggestions concerning the resources provided, or how you might get your own small group started, contact Chris Alexander, Associate Pastor at Countryside Community Church, at [chrisa@countrysideucc.org](mailto:chrisa@countrysideucc.org) or call at 402-391-0350.