



## Discussion Questions

### Psalm 146 *Praise for God's Help*

How do you define the difference between thanks and praise?

When are times when you have, or someone you care about has, been “doubled over” by life, death, or loss?

Psalm 146:8 says:

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those  
who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.

What signs do you see today that God is still at work in the way this psalm celebrates?

In her sermon, Pastor Cheryl references Wilhelm Loehe, who began the seminary in Neuendettelsau, Germany as a sign of transformation and hope. (You can read more about his legacy [HERE](#).) Who are such leaders among us today?

The seminary at Neuendettelsau, Germany was built just after the horrific events of The Holocaust. Pastor Cheryl describes the chapel, which was once the gun powder building, and the altar cross, made from discarded rifle barrels. What was your reaction as you heard that these weapons of destruction were transformed as a means of praise?

Even in a pandemic, is there occasion to praise God? When? For what?  
(Hallelujah!)

