

**WHEN LIFE IS MESSY #6**  
**"God is Good"**  
**Psalms 88 / February 8, 2015**

- **WHEN LIFE IS DARK** (a very messy life – vs. 6, 12, 18 – see also I Chronicles 25:1-7)
  - I am dying (vs. 3,4,5,6,10,11,12,15)
  - I am a man with no strength (I am helpless – vs. 4, 15)
  - I am shut in (vs. 8)
  - I am alone ("shunned" – vs. 8, 18)
  - How should I respond?
- **PERSISTENTLY CRY TO GOD** (indicates relationship)
  - O Lord, God of my salvation (vs. 1)
  - Cry (three words – vs. 1,9,13)
  - Day and night (vs. 1, 9, 13)
- **QUESTION GOD** (indicates faith)
  - Six Questions ("do you...?" - vs. 10-12)
  - Two Questions ("why...?" - vs. 14&15)

**The appeal is the evidence of His goodness**

**Today I learned...**

**As a result, I will...**

*For further study on today's Scripture passage, please refer online to the Sermon Based Small Group Study: <http://www.eastviewchurch.net/ministries/small-groups/leadership-resources/sermon-based-small-group-studies/>. Paper copies are available in Harvest Bookstore.*

**Prayer for Eastview Christian Church**

- Pray for those you know personally who are literally facing the prospect of death because of illness or disease. Pray for their healing.
- Pray for those who are alone today. Pray for them to feel the presence and love of God's warmth. Pray that he may use you to be the answer to that prayer.
- Pray for Eastview to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that as we know him more, his grace will become increasingly evident in our lives.
- Pray for a tithe of Bloomington/Normal to become followers of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Pray for every institution and business in this town to be one tenth Christian. Pray for every school in this town to have one of every ten students following Jesus.
- Pray for God to open the eyes of the people of Eastview to see those who are experiencing a darkness of soul. Pray for God to open a door for you to shine the light of Jesus in that life.
- Cry out to God to move in the darkness of your life. For one last time, use this series as an excuse to give your mess to Jesus.

**Baptism Testimonies**

**Laura Straw** (8:00)

I have found God! My life has had some bumpy spots along the way and hard times staying on track of His word but I finally found him through Eastview. It's changed my life coming and hearing His word and feeling His spirit in the house.

**Carissa Young** (11:30)

I always assumed that because I grew up in a Christian home, went to church every Sunday, attended a small group and went on missions trips that I was automatically a Christian, automatically saved. In reality, I was living in sin and felt lost and unfulfilled. Through His Word and prayer I came to a point of acceptance and a desire to be saved through Christ. My desires have forever changed and I now want to do things for His glory instead of for myself.

**Jeff Rosenthal** (5:00)

I was baptized at an early age. After falling away from the church I found myself at Eastview three years ago. Now I feel reborn and happy with Jesus in my life again.