

Sermon Discussion Questions, January 30, 2011
A Prayer for Those in Painful Relationships, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
Psalm 120:1-7

Read Psalm 120 before you begin. This passage will serve as a catalyst for open discussion.

THE PROBLEM- Psalm 120:5-7

- 1. Without naming names, have you ever had a painful relationship? How did those situations affect you personally? How did it affect others?**
- 2. What are some reasons painful relationships develop?**
- 3. What happens when conflict becomes chronic and long-term?**

1st PRAYER– Psalm 120:1-2

- 4. Following the pattern of the Psalmist, what is the first line of defense a believer should pursue when facing a painful relationship?**
- 5. Describe the kind of prayers that should be prayed in these situations? Based on verses 1-2, where does all relational change begin?**

2nd PRAYER- Psalm 120:3-4

- 6. Once you have tried everything to make peace with your adversary, how should you pray?**
- 7. As a result of this sermon, what steps will you take to change the painful relationships in your life? How can you do this with the right attitude and motive?**