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How does this psalm reflect/depict the experience of depression? In what ways does this psalm challenge our ideas of worship? Why is it important that this psalm is in the Bible? What would it look like to use this psalm in your prayer life?

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Depression isn't just sadness.

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Emotions are real, but not reality.

Even when you feel hopeless, there is always hope with God.

Which of these is easiest for you to internalize? Which is hardest? Why are each of these important to acknowledge? What questions do you still have about these statements?

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