Songs for Summer

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 78

- A Maskil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- ³ things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
- ⁴We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
- ⁵He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children.
- ⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,
- ⁷ so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;
- ⁸ and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God...

Next Week: Psalm 79

TALK SHEET

1.	How might this psalm be like a parable or a riddle? (ESV "dark sayings of old" is literally "an ancient riddle" in verse 2)
2.	What is one generation telling another generation? (4-8)
3.	Why is one generation telling this to the next generation? (4-8)
4.	Do you notice any themes or recurring patterns in verses 9-72? Explain.
5.	Do you have any stories of God's faithfulness that you might share in order to help others trust God?
6.	Pray for the next generation who will follow in your footsteps.