



THE PSALMS



Experiencing God through the songs of his people.

Longing (Psalm 84)

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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CONVERSATION STARTER

What is something you waited a long time to get, or worked really hard to obtain? (that special pet, college degree, a house, a promotion, etc.)

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Please read aloud Psalm 84.

Reflect on the question: Do our souls long to be in the presence of God? As Christians we have the unique privilege to come into the presence of God through the finished work of Jesus. This psalm was written to stir the hearts of those who would sing it or hear it to hunger and thirst for the presence of the Lord.

The Psalmist and the message emphasized that the church should be place to meet God. Discuss ways that the church can help us connect with God. Put another way, “When were times you felt the presence of God when you came to church?”

Bob suggested the Valley of Baca is a time of weeping; when our life falls apart, when we were deeply hurt, or we messed up royally. Why do some individuals draw closer to God at such times and others become angry and depressed?

The Psalm talks about God being our sun and shield in verse 11. What do those images suggest to you?

MAKING IT REAL

The Psalm says in verse 4, “Blessed are those who dwell in your house ever singing your praise!” How does a person even begin to obtain such an attitude?

What does “being in the presence of the Lord” look and feel like for you?
And how can I increase those moments?