

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

SEEKING GOD

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PSALM 63

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

- 1) On the spectrum from I-wish-I-could-stay-in-school-forever to you-couldn't-get-me-back-in-a-classroom-if-the-teacher-was-giving-out-gold-bars, where do you fall? If you had to get a degree in any subject that you have not already studied, what would it be?
 - 2) Read Psalm 63 out loud. Give everyone in the group a couple of minutes to look over the passage and jot down their observations. Go around the group and have each person share an observation and what they thought about it.
 - 3) In Psalm 63:1, why do you think David chose the metaphor of thirst and a dry land to describe his spiritual condition? When have you felt this way?
 - 4) In Psalm 63:2, David has "seen" God in the sanctuary and "beheld" his power and glory. What's the difference between knowing about God's power and actually seeing or experiencing it? David makes the bold claim in Psalm 63:3 that God's love is "better than life." What do you think he means by this? How could love be more valuable than life itself?
 - 5) In Psalm 63:8, David says both "I cling to you" and "your right hand upholds me." What's the relationship between our clinging to God and God holding onto us? How might understanding this change the way you approach spiritual struggles?
 - 6) If someone asked you what it means to seek God with depth based on this sermon, what would you tell them?
 - 7) The sermon described three shifts: from duty to thirst, from studying to beholding, and from dabbling to clinging. Which of these three shifts resonates most with where you are spiritually right now?
 - 8) If your goal in reading the Bible was to encounter God rather than just learn information, how would you change your approach?
 - 9) Clayton said we often think we're thirsty for something else when we're actually thirsty for God. What are some ways people might be looking to something other than God for something only God can provide?
 - 10) Clayton said to "pray your thirst," that is, turning your desires and longings into prayers about what you really need from God. How might you apply this practice to a current situation in your life?
 - 11) Clayton listed several reasons why we might not experience God: neglecting practices, tolerating sin, physical limitations, or God pulling back to build our faith. Do any of these resonate with you right now?
 - 12) Evaluate your current spiritual practices. Do they feel more like exercise or lunch? What would need to change for them to feel more like lunch?
- PRAYER PROMPT: Pick a line from Psalm 63 and use it as an inspiration for your prayer.