

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **June 26, 2022**, sermon, "The satisfied soul." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 63) together out loud.

Passage Outline

STEPS TO A COMPLETELY SATISFIED SOUL (even when the wheels are off the cart):

1. God is my God. (1)
 - a. God, the living Creator, the all-powerful and all-knowing One.
 - i. The promise-keeping God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
 - ii. The one who promised to send Messiah. He is "my God."
 - b. When the situation is bleak, David is "on the lookout" for what God will do next.
 - i. Taking his eyes off the problems of "wandering,"
 - ii. David knows that God will act according to his faithfulness.
2. Growing certainty about who God is and what I've seen him do (in the past). (2-4)
 - a. David "looked upon" God in the sanctuary.
 - i. The whole world underestimates and overlooks what God does.
 - ii. They either see and forget or cannot see it all.
 - iii. That's why we must look closely and regularly review God's works.
 - b. He praises God because he has learned that his lovingkindness is better than life.
 - i. If we must choose, God's lovingkindness is BETTER than life itself.
 - ii. We must come to grips with the danger associated with serving God.
 - iii. "As long as I live" (and it might not be much longer), "I will bless you."
3. Clarity about my deepest longings. (5-8)
 - a. David did not want money or even the "kingship" (mainly), he wanted God's presence.
 - b. He did NOT question God at all when he faced these devastating afflictions but committed himself to "seek" (1), "look upon" (2), "praise" (6) and "remember" (6) God.
4. Confidence in God's faithfulness (in the future). (9-11)
 - a. God's enemies will be judged (I don't need to judge them).
 - b. God's purposes for David (and me) in this life and eternity are completely established.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Is God your God? If so, then you turn to him increasingly and confidently when your life is the hardest. Is God your God?
2. Based on #2, above: Being "on the lookout" for God is a Spirit-led proposition. You must overcome the chatter from the world which explains away God's magnificence. You must overcome your own laziness and tendency to give yourself glory. We must learn to see and celebrate every work of God that we can perceive including timing, choices, sanctification and conversions, and let these "visions" fuel our faith and joy. Where have you seen God work?
3. Based on #4, above: The future is not characterized by "everything getting worse" and suddenly God being out of control. Your future is settled, in God's hands, both while you live (he has good plans for you) and when you die (to be with him forever). This does NOT mean that we "let go and let God," it means we put forth great effort in complete faith that God will work. Discuss.