GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Psalms – Lyrics for Life Week 2: His Love

Psalm 63:1-8

Week of January 17, 2021 (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

King David was a man of fervent religious faith. Yet his "religion" was not a matter of rule and ritual, but rather a vibrant relationship with God. In Psalm 63, we see how David pursued the deepening of his friendship with the Lord. His song provides us with a model of how we too can seek an encounter with God.

Kicking it off: Jeff shared that he and Jen went camping to celebrate their first wedding anniversary. They were cold, wet and miserable. Tell the group how much you enjoy camping.

Discussion:

1. Reread Psalm 63:1a "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you."

How do you think David expressed his commitment to "seek" God?

2. Reread *Psalm 63:1b* "I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry parched land where there is no water."

What are the mirages in our culture? In other words – What circumstances promise to satisfy your soul thirst, but end in disappointment?

3. Reread Psalm 63:2a "I have seen you in the sanctuary."

David had fond memories of times with God in the tabernacle. Do you have memories of times of profound encounter with God's presence? If willing, please share of a time of significant connection with God in prayer.

4. Reread *Psalm* 63:2b "I have beheld your power and your glory."

Why is a correct understanding of God's nature essential to our prayer life?

5. Reread *Psalm 63:3* "Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you."

David seems to be indicating that the experience of God's love is better than all the other joys of life put together. Why does he value the love of God so much?

6. Reread Psalm 63:6 "On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night."

Have you turned to prayer when dealing with insomnia? If so, share about your experience.

7. How would you counsel someone wanting to "seek the face of God?"

Wrapping It Up: Spend some time praying that each group member would grow much closer to the Lord in the days ahead.