

CONSUMER OR CONSUMED| WEEK 2

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Verses:



SERIES INSIGHT

In our first full series for 2024, *Consumer or Consumed?*, we are tying in the heartbeat of “Hallelujah” and taking a more introspective look at ourselves and our longing and hungering for God. We are ineffective being just “consumers”. But something comes alive in us when we bask in the presence of God as he “consumes” us - he is after all, an all consuming fire (see Hebrews 12:29).

ICEBREAKER

- Do you have a word or verse for the year? Share it here! — If not, what do you sense God is wanting to do in your life this year ahead?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend’s message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. **Desire for God's Presence:** What does the psalmist express about their longing for God's presence in verses 3-4?
3. How would you describe your own desire for God's presence in your life?
4. **Metaphors of the Sparrow and Swallow:** Why do you think the psalmist uses the metaphors of the sparrow and swallow to describe their dwelling place near God's altar?
5. What significance do these birds hold in conveying the psalmist's feelings?
6. **Blessings of Dwelling in God's House:** According to the passage, what blessings are associated with dwelling in the house of the Lord?
7. How can we experience a sense of home and security in our relationship with God?
8. **Journeying Toward God:** The psalmist talks about the journey to God's dwelling place. How can this journey be applied metaphorically to our spiritual lives?
9. What are some practical steps we can take to draw closer to God in our daily lives?

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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