

## CONSUMER OR CONSUMED | WEEK 5

**Date:** February 11, 2023

**Verses:** Psalm 84:9-10



### 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



### 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. Follow up to last week... How have you seen yourself or someone around you go “from strength to strength” this past week?
3. Psalm 84:9 says, *“Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!”* How does the imagery of God as a shield resonate with you personally?
4. How might the idea of God looking on the face of His anointed impact your understanding of His presence in your life? In what ways?
5. In verse 10, the psalmist declares, *“Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.”* What does this verse reveal about the psalmist’s priorities and values? How can we apply this perspective in our own lives, especially in the midst of busy and demanding schedules?
6. The psalmist speaks of being a doorkeeper in the house of God rather than dwelling in the tents of the wicked. How does this choice reflect the psalmist’s commitment to God’s presence? In what practical ways can we prioritize our spiritual journey over worldly distractions and influences?
7. Psalm 84:10b expresses a deep desire: *“I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.”* How can we cultivate a similar longing for God’s presence in our lives? How might we apply this same kind of perspective to our everyday 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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