

CONSUMER OR CONSUMED| WEEK 1

Date: January 14, 2023

Verses: Psalm 84:1-2



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

- How were your holidays?! Share a favorite moment or memory over the past few weeks.

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. **Personal Reflection:** Share a time when you have experienced a deep sense of longing or yearning for God's presence. How did it feel, and what circumstances led to that experience?
3. **How have you been declaring HALLELUJAH in your life lately?**
4. **The Beauty of God's Dwelling Place:** In verse 1, the psalmist expresses the beauty of God's dwelling place. How do you envision or perceive the dwelling place of God in your own life? How does this perception impact your worship and relationship with God?
5. **Desire for God's Presence:** In verse 2, the psalmist expresses a strong desire for the courts of the Lord. What do you think it means for our souls to yearn and faint for God's presence? How can we cultivate and maintain this deep longing for God in our daily lives?
6. **Physical and Spiritual Longing:** The psalmist uses both physical and emotional language (heart, flesh, soul) to describe their yearning for God. How do you balance the physical and spiritual aspects of worship and longing for God in your own life?
7. **The Living God:** The psalmist refers to God as the "living God." What significance does this attribute hold in your understanding of God? How does recognizing God as the living God impact your relationship with Him and your current season of life?

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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