

# Desiring the Lord

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***Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.***

## Read Psalm 27

1. What is desire? What does it mean to desire something and grow in that desire?
2. What desires do you have? What determines a good desire from a bad desire?
3. How do we grow in desire to be with God and dwell with him? How do we fan the flame of desire in our hearts?
4. What sort of place is the Psalmist in at the moment? What sort of situation do verses 2-3 paint a picture of?
5. What might you expect the Psalmist to ask for in such a situation? Why does he not ask for this?
6. What does the Psalmist mean when he says, “to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple”? Why focus on the Lord’s beauty?
7. Why do our desires so easily get distracted and disordered? Which desires of yours tend to squeeze out the desire for God?
8. What does the phrase ‘wait for the Lord’ mean? What different meanings of wait might be appropriate here? What are your experiences of these meanings?
9. What simple practical practices do you have that help you spend time with God? How do you ‘protect’ these practices from the distractions of life?
10. What practices are individual for you? What corporate practices do you engage in? Why are these corporate practices important?

## Prayer points:

- Continue to pray for the situation in Israel/Palestine and in the Ukraine, and the people affected by these conflicts.
- Pray for the people of Papua New Guinea.