

LONGING

Desiring to Be With God

Scripture: Psalm 84

Learning to Long (then)

- Longing for the **Lord's** House (84:1-2, 10).
- Longing for the **challenging** journey (84:5-6).
- Longing for the **opportunity** to serve (84:3, 9).

CHANGE

No temple (Mk. 14:58; Ac. 7:48; 17:24)

No barriers (Mk. 15:38; Eph. 2:14; Gal. 3:28)

SAME

Heart matters (Mt. 15:8-9; Jn. 4:23-25; Heb. 10:22)

Assembly matters (1 Cor. 11:20; 14:23; 16:19)

Learning From Longing (now)

- Worship and **yearning** for God (84:2, 10).
- Worship and **preparing** for God (84:5-7).
- Worship and **servants** of God (84:9).

DIGGING DEEPER

Question 1: From the Text

What do verses 1-4 reveal about the heart and mindset of a true worshipper?

Question 2: Life Experience

What is the most effort that you or someone you've known ever made to attend a worship service or spiritual event? Was it worth it? Why or why not?

Question 3: Personal & Practical

What is one thing you already do (or have seen others do) to prepare for worship each week? How does it help you focus your heart?

The Bigger Picture

It's possible to come to church and still miss the worship. Overtime, we can find ourselves going through the motions. Our goal is to be the kind of worshippers God is looking for (true worshippers). We must fight against passive observance and do what is necessary to be engaged. Like the psalmist, we should come with hearts that long to be near God, not just bodies that show up to a building.