



THIRSTY

Wilderness Realities

Psalm 63

People who are thirsty for God ...

1. Keep _____ God (v.1).
2. Look to _____ when they worship (v.2).
How might you do that?
3. Are you wowed by God's _____ (v.3).
4. Overflow _____ (vv.3-5).
Why do they? Because God _____.
5. Choose to _____ (v.6).
6. See God in every _____ (vv.7-10).

The greatest rescue of all:
We are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed. (1 Peter 1:4,5)

7. Confidently _____ for their future (v.11).

What we bring home from the wilderness:

1. You get spiritually deeper only _____.
 -Don't just read your Bible, _____ when you read.
 -Meditate on what God has _____.
 -When worshipping, look to _____.
2. Keep _____ to God in the wilderness.
3. _____.

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor Jeff's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. The message was about how we stay thirsty for God in "wilderness time." Describe what it felt like when you experienced your own "wilderness time."
2. Describe what "keep pursuing God" might look like for a follower of Jesus. Why is it so hard to do that in "wilderness times?" What are the things that get in the way?
3. When it comes to Biblical principles of holy sexual behavior, Christians are usually dismissed as being "uptight prudes." When it comes to Biblical principles of holy verbal communication, Christians are usually dismissed as being namby-pamby, goody-two-shoes who are offended over the slightest "off-color" remark. Is that the case? Might it be that God knows that the world's sexual standards, and the world's way of communicating using foul language, actually are evil? What are the benefits of following God's principles for sexual conduct and verbal interaction?
4. In today's world, it is well-nigh impossible for even believers to maintain sexual purity and verbal integrity. When you're responsible for the failure that happened and the sexual/verbal sin that occurred, what does the Bible tell you to do in order to restore your fellowship with the Lord and with the person(s) you've hurt? On the opposite side, when you're the one who has been offended, what does the Bible tell you to do in relation to the one who has sinned against you??
5. What does it mean to "clean up your act" sexually and verbally? How does "thinking eternally" help us to do that?