

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE – WEEK 02



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TALK

Let's Talk

Recall a time when you were really afraid. What caused your fear? What made your fear subside?

Let's Study

Read Psalm 27:1-3.

King David faced a scary situation; evil people were on their way to attack him. What does this psalm say about his confidence in the midst of that?

Read Psalm 27:4.

According to this verse David longed to be in one place. Where and what did he want to be doing?

What is God's beauty? Discuss how one can see it or feel it.

Read Psalm 27:5-6.

In Spite of David's chaotic circumstances he said he would shout joyfully and sing. In your experience, what is needed to make that possible? As you discuss, think about this quote by John Ortberg, "Joy is at the heart of God's plan for human beings. The reason for this is worth pondering for awhile: joy is at the heart of God himself".

Read Psalm 27:7-9.

What do you learn from this Psalm about getting God's attention from our prayers?

Read Psalm 27:13-14.

David finishes this psalm mentioning his confidence again. How did his trust in God for what is to come impact his way of life in his present?

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Lets Apply

Take a moment to reflect on how you've been spending your time. What would others say is the 'one thing' you seem to be seeking in life?

What do you think about David's example? As you reflect on the lesson from this psalm, are there changes you want to make?

If you were to plan a full day to spend in the presence of the Lord, what would that day look like for you? What might be difficult for you?

Waiting is hard work. This Psalm illustrates the kind of energy that goes into a prayer of waiting. What is something that you are waiting for? Take time to pray as a psalmist would, with honesty about it.

Let's Pray

Lord, let us see your beauty and the beauty in all you have made. Help us to long for one thing and may that one thing be, your presence. Teach us your way, O Lord. Strengthen us to wait with hope and expectation, knowing that you are always doing a new thing. Amen.