

### **Sermon Notes**

#### **Psalm 42:1-11 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

<sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" <sup>4</sup>These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. <sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

<sup>6</sup>My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. <sup>7</sup>Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. <sup>8</sup>By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

***Hesed: faithful, steadfast, never-ending loving kindness and grace and mercy...***

#### **Psalm 42:9-11 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup>I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" <sup>10</sup>As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" <sup>11</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

#### **Psalm 43:1-5 (ESV)**

#### **Followers of Jesus Hope in the Dark**

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1) What impacted you the most from the week's message? Encouraged or Challenged you?
- 2) Read Psalm 42:1. Have you come to a place in life where God is what you need most? Have you ever expressed this to Him? What does it 'look like' when you do?
- 3) Describe a time where your faith and your fears collided? How were you able to get back to a place of hope? What did you learn from that experience?
- 4) Read Psalm 42:8. How have you experienced the *hesed* (faithfulness, steadfast grace) of God? Has He ever met you in the midst of your pain like this? Explain.
- 5) Do you ever hear the question, "Where is Your God?" – from others? From the enemy?
- 6) In your own words, why do you think Followers of Jesus Hope in the Dark?