

| Key Scriptures Passage | Questions for Reflecting and Group Discussion |
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| <p>Matthew 5:1-6</p> <p>Psalms 42:1-2, 7</p> <p>Romans 3:22-23</p> <p>Believe and Desperately Pursue</p> <p>Group Values:</p> <p><u>Authenticity</u> – Be honest. As you share together, learn to build trust with one another.</p> <p><u>Accountability</u> – Give permission for others to ask you questions about your life.</p> <p><u>Safety</u> – NO gossip. However, if someone is in danger, putting someone in danger, or through their inaction causing a person to be in danger then it must be reported.</p> | <p>Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you long for a time when everything is good? Do you want Peace in your life, but don't know if you will ever find it? • What about this message challenged you? What seemed to really hit home for you? <p>Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Matthew 5:1-6 • When have you been really hungry? When have you been desperate for something? Do you ever have that feeling for God? <p>Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Psalm 42:1 and Ecclesiastes 3:11 • How would you describe the “deep” in the psalm? What does it mean that God has “placed eternity in the their (humanity’s) heart?” • What are some of the things you have done to pursue someone you loved? Did they seem unusual for you? Do you look back and think that it may have been extravagant? • Be honest. Has your desperation for God changed over time? Has it grown deeper, or has it gotten a little colder? Do you have any desperation at all? <p>Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.</p> <p><i>God, I believe that you are the God of all eternity. I believe that Jesus is your Son, who lived, died, rose, lives, and reigns with you. I trust in His power over death and His work on the cross for my Life. Grow my desperation for you as I obey you. Amen</i></p> <p>Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider how you could use you strength to serve the church family or the people in the community you live in such as PiN, Agape Food Ministries, or The Giving Garden. |

