

Growth Group Questions – Psalm 27

- David's confidence was built through a series of difficult and dangerous experiences -- what challenging circumstances in your own life have contributed to a deeper trust in God's protection and provision?
- How can we experience God's protection and provision if we never put ourselves in a position to receive from him? What is one area of your life where you sense God calling you to step into the unknown, and what is holding you back?
- David's singular pursuit in Psalm 27:4 is simply to dwell in God's presence and gaze upon his beauty -- if you were to honestly evaluate your most frequent prayers, what do they reveal about what you are truly seeking from God?
- There is an important distinction between treating God as a goal versus treating him as a means to an end -- in what ways might you be approaching God primarily for relief from problems rather than for a relationship with him?
- Verse 10 of Psalm 27 declares that even if a father and mother forsake a person, God will receive them -- how does a painful or broken relationship with an earthly parent shape the way someone might struggle to trust God as Father, and how can the community of faith help?
- Incremental answered prayer leads to greater confidence -- can you identify a past moment when God answered a specific prayer, and how did that experience shape your willingness to trust him in a later situation?
- David's humility in asking God to teach him his ways and lead him in a straight path stands in contrast to self-reliance -- in what areas of your life are you most tempted to devise your own solutions rather than seeking God's guidance?
- Psalm 27:14 commands the reader to wait for the Lord and repeats the command twice -- what does it look like for you personally to actively wait on God in a season of uncertainty, and how does the church community play a role in sustaining that posture?