



week five

unanswered prayer

bottom line

Abiding with God forms us even when we don't feel it.



corresponding teaching content

Invite your group members to watch the corresponding teaching by Pastor Andrew on LivingInhabit.com's Media page before you begin this week's discussion guide.

group icebreaker

Who's your favorite (or least unfavorite) country singer? Country song?

reading scripture together

Read A Psalm of Lament — Psalm 13.

play today's group intro video



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suggested discussion questions

getting connected with scripture:

- How does it feel to know that ancestors of our faith, like David, experienced seasons where it felt like God had forgotten them?
- *Read Mark 15:34.* What are some commonalities between what Jesus experienced and what David describes in Psalm 13?
- *Read Luke 32:46.* How do Jesus' final words compare to the end of this Psalm?
- How can we believe that God is still good and trustworthy when the miracle doesn't come or it feels like we are forsaken and forgotten?

getting real with each other:

- Can you share about an "unanswered prayer" from your past?
 - How did you feel about it in the moment?
 - Looking back now, how do you view or make sense of it now?
- How comfortable are you with getting real with God like many of the Psalms do?
- Is there anything you're currently discouraged by or even struggling to trust God in that we could pray with you about?

getting practical with our faith:

- What are practical ways we can grow to be more authentic & vulnerable with God?
- What are some practical ways we can cultivate trust in seasons of struggle?
- Can you identify ways in which the struggle or even the seeming absence of faith can actually serve to strengthen our spirit and make us like Jesus?
- **Reflection Question:** Read Psalm 13 again individually, making it your own prayer.