

THE WILDERNESS SERMON SERIES



WEEK 4 HOPE AND RENEWAL IN THE WILDERNESS

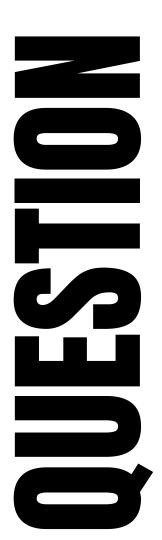
"Lessons in Restoration & Calling"

LAS LOMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY WWW.LASLOMASCC.COM

Before the Bible study,

 Please watch/listen to last Sunday's message at laslomascc.com/media

What's one thing about this week's message that stood out to you as something you needed to hear OR a question you had about the message?



MAIN POINTS FROM THE SERMON

We can see from David's Wilderness experience that ...

- GOD RESTORES IN THE WILDERNESS The wilderness reminds us that we have ...
- A NEED FOR GOD'S PRESENCE Finally, we see that in the wilderness ...
 - GOD RESTORES OUR JOY AND WILLING SPIRIT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ Psalm 51:10-12

- How does David's plea relate to our own experiences with sin and repentance?
- Psalm 51:12 asks God to "restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit."
 - How can the joy of salvation be lost, and what role does restoration play in regaining it?
 - How can a willing spirit sustain us through times of spiritual wilderness, and what practices or actions can help cultivate such a spirit within us?

READ Romans 12:2

- Psalm 51:12 and Romans 12:2 together highlight the themes of renewal, transformation, and restoration.
 - How are the transformation of our minds and the restoration of the joy of salvation interrelated?
 - In what ways does a renewed mind lead to restored joy, and how can this transformative restoration equip us to navigate the wildernesses of life more effectively and discern God's good, pleasing, and perfect will?

LIVING IT OUT SECTION

Remember that transformation and restoration are processes. There may be setbacks, but perseverance, prayer, and reliance on God's strength are key to navigating through the wilderness to a place of renewal and hope.

This week focus on the following:

- Reflect on your spiritual wilderness and identify areas in need of God's cleansing and renewal.
- <u>Pray</u> earnestly, like David, for a pure heart, a steadfast spirit, and the restoration of the joy of salvation.
- <u>Embrace</u> the transformative work of God in the wilderness, allowing it to refine and prepare you for your divine calling.

