

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. *Enjoy discovering more about Him!*

"WHEN GOD IS DISTANT" | PSALM 42 | PASTOR ANDREW LACASSE

WARM-UP QUESTION:

What does it mean to be cast down?

"Feeling Cast Down" Psalm 42: 1-3

The psalmist writes of how they long for God but He appears to be missing and they wonder when will they get to meet Him.

What are times when people feel God is far away?

"Remembering God" Psalm 42: 4-6

The psalmist struggles with feeling down and full of turmoil yet remembers times of joy and what God has done. **What are ways it is hard to be faithful in times when God seems distant? What are ways these times can help someone grow in their faith?**

"Surrendering to God" Psalm 42: 7-11

The psalmist continues to pray and praise God despite feeling down and forgotten. **What are ways to pray and approach God even when someone doesn't feel like it? Why is it important to wait for God and surrender to His plan?**

REFLECTION QUESTION:

All believers go through times when God seems distant, and they are challenged to be faithful in prayer and worship despite not feeling joy. God wants us to surrender to His timing instead of trying to summon and control Him. **Have you struggled with feeling God is distant? Have you been trying to summon Him instead of surrendering to Him? What are ways you can choose to pray and praise Him this week regardless of your feelings and circumstances?**