

life groups

NorthStar Church

Relentless! Week 2

Psalm 63

December 11, 2016

Main Focus – In week 1 we looked at this reality; “Before you ever pursued God, He was pursuing you.” God, the creator of this universe, had a plan and a purpose for your life before you were ever born. He so loves you that He pursued you even when you did not recognize that He was there.

This week’s main focus is OUR response to such a loving Heavenly Father. When we realize, God is who He says He is; When we understand that He loves us and knows our name; When we see that no matter what the sin is in our past that he still cares; then we run towards Him with full surrender of everything we are and all that we have.

Open Discussion

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

Share about a time when you forgot something important and the consequences that ensued.

What sorts of things are you most likely to remember? What sorts of things are you most prone to forget?

At one time or another, we have all forgotten something important. Whether we forgot a loved one’s birthday or forgot to pay a bill, lapses in our memory can get us into trouble.

As David wrote Psalm 63 he found himself in a very difficult place. He was in the “dessert of Judah” trying to avoid the revolt that his son, Absalom, was leading. In this place far from his own bed, the king’s table, and much of his family he calls to God. He remembers what God had done in days past. He trusted God in the present situation. He looked forward to God’s restoration.

Understanding

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

Have a volunteer read Psalm 63:1.

What did David say about where he was at? Could this description of the physical drought and distance from “home” represent David’s spiritual condition?

Have you ever felt closer to God than at other times? Why is this?

Read vs 2-8

David REMEMBER what it was like to be back in Jerusalem with all off God's provision, but most of all He longed for the sanctuary where he had experienced the presence of God in an overwhelming way?

Can you remember a place and time where you were overwhelmed by the presence of God? What did you experience there? Love, Hearing God, Understanding of His will for your life, healing, or something else?

Call out some of the word pictures from these verses of David's perspective or view of God and his provision and protection.

Read vs 9-11.

David comes back to the issue that he had enemies. Then in verse 11 there is an incredible revelation that no matter how bad the situation was David knew that he was still the king. The words, "But the king" reveal that David knew who he was.

What is the spiritual application for us as the sons and daughters of God?

Application

Where are you right now in your journey of walking close to God?

How might remembering that God loves you despite your past sins help you overcome the temptation to sin in the present?

What is one step you could take today to be more mindful of God's past faithfulness toward you?

How might the regular practice of spiritual disciplines like prayer, Bible study, and accountability help us to remember God's grace?

Pray

Thank God for loving us perfectly and faithfully despite our track record of past sins. Thank Him for giving us the righteousness of Christ through faith in Him. Ask God to help us remember His grace as we seek to honor Him and grow in our relationship with Him.