

Sunday, August 14, 2022 - "Summer in the Psalms - Week 7 - Psalm 27: One Thing" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Psalm 27, 1 Samuel 22:2

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- The Psalms: Declaring who God is and how we are to respond
- We need to show up if we want to grow up (we are active participants in our spiritual growth)
- Psalm 27
 - People are caught in the crossfire of a feud between Saul and David and some die
 - David takes responsibility, but he is with a group of misfits and outcasts
- David starts the Psalm with who God is and how he will respond
 - It's an inner dialogue, David talking to himself, reminding himself what is true
 - The personal nature of this Psalm: MY...light, salvation, stronghold
 - We don't ask God to be these things...we declare that He is
- In the worst situations
 - This is our lifeline, we have to remind ourselves
 - Psalms give language for our own inner dialogues
- Psalm 27:4 → ONE THING I have asked of the Lord
 - Intimacy and connection with God
 - He knows what's most important
 - The presence of God in his life
 - God wants this level of dependance from us
- God uses difficult circumstances to teach us ow to depend on Him
- David's response: I WILL...seek after Him, dwell with Him, gaze upon Him, inquire of Him, sing melodies to Him
- God will not share the spotlight
- What you think you need most drives your desires
 - Desire for God will weed out things that compete with Him
 - It will change who we are
 - "Passionate desire will always lead to resolute focus and action" - Doug Kempton
 - Holy desire will always lead to Godly pursuit...God always responds to godly pursuit
- Psalm 27:8 - Seek God's face (face to face)
 - Not seeking to earn love
 - Intimacy and relationship with Him
 - Living worthy of being sons and daughters of God
- The necessity of intentionality

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How is God calling you to declare who He is in your life?
2. How have you responded to who God really is?
3. What does it look like for you to be an active participant in your spiritual growth?
4. How have you experienced intimacy and connection with God?
5. What are some new rhythms or disciplines that will aid you in your regular connection with the Lord?
6. How have your desires grown or shifted as you walk with God?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

****Psalms Plus 30 Reading Plan****

Mon: Psalm 15,45,75,105,135 Tues: Psalm 16,46,76,106,136 Wed: Psalm 17,47,77,107,137 Thurs: Psalm 18,48,78,108,138 Fri: Psalm 19,49,79,109

Songs from the weekend: [Graves Into Gardens - *Elevation Worship*] - [New Wine - *Hillsong Worship*] - [Promises - *Maverick City*] - [Only Jesus - *Bethel Music*]