



## Sermon Discussion Questions

### "An Oasis in the Desert"

Psalm 63

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Opener:

Describe the person, object or activity you were most devoted to as a young person?  
How has your devotion changed since then (if at all)?

When your mind begins to wander, does it go anywhere particular? Where?

Questions:

1. Why is David in the desert (see 2 Samuel 15:13-14)?

What dangers await there (vv 1,10)?

2. What remembrances keep David going (vv 2-5)?

What is better than life (v 3)?

3. How do you think David can devote himself to God's love at such a time and place?

4. At verse 11, what does it mean to "swear by God's name" (NIV), or "swear by him" (NRSV)?

Application:

5. What "desert" have you been in before?

What did you long for the most? Was your longing met? How?

6. What verse of this Psalm best fits how you understand your relationship with God?

7. An important early church father, Saint John Chrysostom, advised reading this Psalm daily. Make an agreement with your group to take his advice this week; share its impact on you next week.

\*These questions were put together using the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).