



SDG Discussion Guide

Psalm 63

February 16, 2020

For starters:

Describe the object, person or activity you were most devoted to as a teenager. How has your obsession or first love changed since then?

When your mind starts to wander from what you're doing, where does it go? Where does any daydreaming tend to go?

Guideline:

The following is meant to provide interaction with the respective Sunday's sermon text. Feel free to forward to your small group members. Hard copies are available at Church on the respective Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray, and ask God to speak to your group. Listen attentively, and notice, what may God be highlighting for your consideration and learning?

Now that you have prayed, please see the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. Why is David in the desert (see 2Sa 15:13-14, 23-25)? What dangers wait there (vv 1,6-7,10)?
2. What memories keep David going (vv 2-5)? What is better than life? How can David devote himself to the love of God at a time and place like this?
3. What does it mean to "swear by God's name" (v 11)?
4. What "desert" have you been through recently? What did you long for the most? Did you find it?
5. Which verse of this psalm best fits your relationship with God? How might you deepen your first love with God?
6. Are you a clinger in relationships? How tight is your "grasp" on God?
7. St John Chrysostom advised reading this psalm daily. Try it for the next week and share any impact.

Prayer:

Read the psalm aloud and slowly once more. As it's read, ask the question: Where are souls thirsty in the world around me, including my own? Then spend some time in prayer together to pray as you are led. In Jesus' name, amen.

*The discussion questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).