

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of September 17th

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Prayer and Praise:

What has the Lord done in the last week that you can thank and praise Him for?

Where do you see spiritual growth in your life?

How can we pray for one another this week?

Out of the overflow of our praises, let's sing: #60 - *Be Thou My Vision*.

Together in the Word:

1. Read Psalm 42. In your own words describe what the psalmist meant by saying that he "pants" for God. _____

2. How do other believers help us grow closer to the Lord? _____

3. Explain this quote from Dr. Marytn Lloyd-Jones, "Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself?" _____

4. When we are feeling discouraged in life, what truths should we be speaking to ourselves or reminding ourselves of? _____

5. What other Scriptures can you think of relate to this idea of purposefully directing one's thoughts? (See for example Phil. 4:8.) _____

6. Read Psalm 63:1. Are you currently seeking the Lord? Describe some practical ways that you could make changes to allow for a great pursuit of God. _____

Sermon Prep: We will begin a series on the book of Hebrews next week. Read through Hebrews.

A HEART THAT LONGS FOR GOD

Psalm 42

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"A Heart That Longs for God."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is one of the most controversial facets of many church ministries?
2. What are some of the differences in relation to this controversy?
3. The purpose of music in a church ministry is certainly not what?
4. The purpose of music in a church ministry is not only NOT for entertainment, but it is NOT for what other thing?
5. Another misconception is that some people wrongly think that music is simply to prepare us for what?
6. The purpose of music in a church ministry is what?
7. What book in the Bible is a book about music and worship?

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8. What word comes from the Greek word which means “a song sung to the accompaniment of stringed instruments...?”
9. The Jews referred to the Psalms as the what?
10. The book of Psalms was written and compiled over a period of perhaps how many years?
11. The book of Psalms dates all the way back to the time of whom?
12. How many of the psalms are specifically attributed to David?
13. How many of the psalms do we know who the author was?
14. There were at least how many human authors who contributed to the book?
15. The book of psalms is actually a combination of how many books?
16. The first of the five books making up psalms is chapters 1-41 and is primarily songs of what?
17. Which of the five books would we look at if we were to focus primarily on hymns of national interest?
18. Books 4 and 5 are primarily anthems of what?
19. One of the things that makes the book of Psalms so popular is that it expresses a full range of what?
20. What were some of the conditions under which the various authors wrote their psalms?
21. Psalm 42 is the song of a pilgrim or an exile among enemies who had no sympathy with what?
22. What longing did the writer of psalm 42 have?
23. It is possible that the writer of Psalm 42 was where when he wrote this psalm?
24. The Psalmist describes his longing as that of a what?
25. In Psalm 42:2, the Psalmist is longing for the opportunity to come before the Lord with whom?
26. What added to the Psalmist’s heartache and despair?
27. The Psalmist further described his agony by saying he poured out what?
28. Can you relate to this Psalmist?
29. What does the Psalmist do in relation to himself?
30. The Psalmist compared his distress to what (v.7)
31. To this Psalmist, God was what (pertaining to life)?
32. To say that his bones were being crushed was a way of saying his body was what?
33. His oppressors reviled him by asking him what?
34. What is the Psalmist doing in verse 11?
35. Is God your salvation and your personal God?
36. Do you long for Him like this psalmist describes or have you become complacent and apathetic?
37. Can you say with the song writer the words he writes in psalms such as Psalm 63:1 or Psalm 84:2?

“The Bible was not given to make you a smarter sinner, but rather to make you more like Christ!” Dr. Howard Hendricks