

GO DEEPER

use these questions for further study

Read Psalm 27 - Try reading or singing the Psalm out loud several times.

Begin by making 2-3 observations you have about the Psalm and note any questions that come up for you. Then answer some or all of the following:

David begins by listing reasons why we should trust God:

What are the reasons he lists?

Thinking through the story of the Bible, what other reasons can you add?

Now consider your own life, what reasons do you have for trusting God?

In vs 2-3 and 11-12 David sings of choosing to trust God even when it's hard.

When do you find it hardest to trust in God?

What helps you choose to trust him?

Consider vs 7-10. Do you ever worry that God might ignore or abandon you?

What comfort do you find in the fact that David had this worry?

How do David's words in vs 10 help resolve this anxiety?

What does it mean to see God's goodness in the land of the living? (vs 13)

What is significant about this?

David declares that his one desire is to dwell with God, to experience Him.

What would it look like for your whole life to be consumed by the pursuit of dwelling with God and experiencing Him?

What are some of the obstacles that keep us from living this way?

What spiritual practices (disciplines) help us live this way?

Pastor Adam shared a story about a time when style and fear kept him from experiencing God's presence in worship. Have you ever had an experience like this?

What was it? How did it resolve? What did you learn?

Why is it important to recognize when we are pursuing our preference instead of God's presence?

How does waiting expectantly for God help us overcome this obstacle?

Might God be inviting you to seek Him in a way or a place you have previously ignored or written off? If so, what might it be?

Prayer Practice:

Use this psalm as a prayer this week. Or, listen to Shane and Shane's version and sing along as a way to learn and pray the psalm.

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