

HBC Lifegroup Pulpit Curriculum

Complete Comfort in Your Day of Crisis – Psalm 63

This material is designed to help give you ideas for discussing the sermon profitably. We trust the lifegroup leaders to choose the questions that will be most helpful to their groups. No one should feel obligated to complete ALL the questions. The reason there is so much material is to offer guidance for those who would like to further study the topic during their devotion times during the week. In our experience, many people need some direction for devotions in order to actually have them.

David's Crisis- the setting of Psalm 63

David's son, Absalom, was seeking to kill him. Attempting to escape from Absalom's threat, David had fled into the desert even though he was the king of Israel. Absalom had won the favor of the people convincing them that he was more concerned with them than his father. Try to imagine the heartache this rebellion caused his father. Think about the physical hardships David faced in this desolate place. Compare these to your own life. Have you felt rejection, rebellion, and want? Do these difficulties lead you to want more of God? Have someone in your group give a personal testimony.

Three Pairs of Rewards and Responsibilities:

Possession and Pursuit (Verses 1 – 2)

1. In David's crisis situation, what is his view of God? Do you see that the Lord is your possession? Describe how that looks to others in your own life. Read Psalm 40: 1 – 8. How does this raise your view of God?
2. Pastor Kurt said that our possession of God should lead us to pursue Him more. Is this true for you? In what ways do we pursue Him? Why do we need to pursue God if He is already in our lives? (Remember Kurt's example of receiving a gift of a new car, computer, or guitar.....)
3. How can 'doubting souls' know if they possess God? Read John 6:37, I John 5: 11-13, John 5:24. Who or what is battling our security in Christ? Why? Read Jeremiah 17: 9 – 10 for insight.

Satisfaction and Service (Verses 3 – 5)

1. What satisfied David? In the real world, what are some distractions that rob our devotion to the Lord? What are activities that draw you closer to Him?
2. God wants us to choose to serve Him joyfully rather than out of a sense of guilt. How does being satisfied with the Lord, affect your attitude towards serving Him? Evaluate this past week and the amount of time you spent watching TV. Did that satisfy you? What is the connection between being satisfied with God and actively serving? Have you served out of a sense of duty? How do these two types of service compare?

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Comfort and Clinging (Verses 6 – 8)

1. How did God comfort David during this crisis? What actions did David take? How did David's view of himself help him understand God's protection and comfort?

2. When we don't cling to God whose fault is that? Why? Why do you find it easier to cling to the "things of this world" rather than the Lord? What can you do to change this in your life?

Please continue to pray for additional Pastoral Staff to come soon.

Gospel Memory Verses – Must Repent and Receive Christ - Mark 1: 15

John 1: 12

Romans 10: 9-10