

Small group optional guide: Psalm 27; God's playlist

UP; we grow in our love for Jesus through His word and worship

WORD: Psalm 27

1. confidence and presence

Psalm 27 Structure: Confidence in God then David's desire to meet with God:

Verses 1-3 confident / 4 ask, seek, dwell / 5-7 confidence (he will...) / 8 heart cry and desire to seek / 9-10 confident / 11 seeking again / 12-14 confident

2. Theology - the good the bad and the ugly

Ugly theology; the Lord could be your light (distortion of what the psalm says, doesn't serve us!)

Bad theology: the Lord is light...that is missing the "MY light!"

Good theology: the glorious picture is not just about an awesome God, but the awesome God that I get to enjoy and encounter.

- But we have such an individualistic culture, why do we find it so hard to take the truth about God to be so personally true.
- In an individual mindset, the personal truth of God's love for me can be diluted amongst all the other ME moments

3. Seek me

Hide to seek: The Holy Spirit sometimes hides FOR you, not FROM you. The Father is delighted to hide so that you would seek him AND find him!

- you will seek me and find me when you see me with your whole heart. Jeremiah 29:13

Q) does God feel distant?

Q) what would seeking him look like?

Q) will you seek Him tonight? How do we do that in worship?

WORSHIP:

See his love – Holding nothing back – Raise a Hallelujah – At the Cross – Revelation song – Oceans
“Worship is the tune and the place we assign for us to focus on God, not myself.”

“CS Lewis; praise not merely expresses what we enjoy but completes our joy”

IN; we connect and learn to love one another

key words from Sunday, you can respond together:

Leonora: 2 images; Acts 2:3 tongues of fire resting on each of us, times of refreshing.

And for those in ministry, those who are feeling tired in that serving; God wants to give you a fresh new wheel to replace the old.

Matt: Hebrews 9:14 the glory of the blood of Christ cleanses our sin but even our consciences are cleansed, such depth and completeness to the freedom that his blood brings.

Grace: pain on the inside of left heel

OUT: we look to pray, witness and serve

1) Please pray for Alpha, we have 8 guests exploring what faith and Christianity may mean for them:

- Pray that God keeps them coming
- Pray that their eyes are opened to his love

2) EVANGELISM! Big dates coming up; Easter Sunday we have Terry Virgo coming to preach the gospel, the harvest is ripe, let us be workers who gather the lost. The May Fayre 6th May and the Berlin evangelism weekend 24th – 26th May

- Please pray for hunger in us, courage to invite, capacity to serve...and see people saved!