

Small group optional guide: The endless pursuit of money

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

WORD: Psalm 42

AIM: that the Spirit would draw to himself men and women who are thirsty for God.

This psalm was written outside of Jerusalem, likely when David fled from his son Absalom; their hearts were longing for return.

When a deer flees a predator, it gets very hot, the deer can only get rid of heat through its mouth, it pants; craves cool water with every fibre of its being...this “panting” desperate for relief is the word used to describe the longing for God the psalmist has.

What is the nature and character of God necessary for the longing soul to know?

1) Holy; Hebrews 12:1-3 / 2) Jealous; worship him alone; Ex 20:3-5 / 3) Faith; Rom 4:17-22-25 4) Loving; Ex 34:6-7 / 5) Powerful; Holy Spirit make my life whole again / 6) Humility; 1 Peter 5:5-6 / 7) God of covenants; Peter quotes Ps 16:8-11

Why are we not crying for the deep as we should? We need revelation...

1) of being made for his presence; life is wasted when we do not live for his glory; Is 43:6-7 / 2) of the love of God; overflow of gratitude for this love; Rom 8:32,37-38 / 3) of Him who has the words of eternal life; John 6:63,68 / 4) of the depths of God; Ez 47 / 5) of the work of the cross; Romans 1:16 / 6) of the benefit; Psalm 103 / 7) of fulfilling purpose; Acts 13:36

What are the results for a longing seeking soul?

1) You find; Jer 29:13 / 2) you stay / 3) you encounter / 4) you are transformed, you don't grow over time you grow through process; 2 Cor 3:18 / 5) transformed and matured, a childlike

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heart that serves / 6) Growing into taking responsibilities in the house of God, the church! Being empowered to advance the kingdom. / 7) Fathers

Sons and Daughters – agents of change!

1) Sons know the love of the Father 2) Sons are led by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:14) 3) sons learn obedience by what they suffer (training – Heb 5:8) 4) sons are strong (1 John 2:14) 5) the word of God abides in you 6) overcome the evil one 7) the son bears the image of the father (John 14:8-9)

Do you desire to go deeper? Isaiah 55:1 + John 7:37-39: The Spirit is promised to those who want to go deeper. There is a price to pay to follow Jesus, commitment, devotion: we must desire to be filled and thirst after the Spirit.

Questions:

- What are the loads preventing you from recognising the longing your soul has for deep crying to deep; the longing for the Lord? (do you watch too much TV? Where do you find your comfort/distraction?)
- Is there anything in my life that comes before God? Work? Pleasure? Hobbies?
- Are you maturing and growing in God? (**growth is not a function of time but a function of process**)

RESPONSE

We need more revelation of who God is, knowing Him draws us to come to Him; we can trust that He wants what is best for us.

WORSHIP

Deep Cries Out / Praise You Anywhere / You have won me / Holy Forever / King of Kings / God I look to you



CAP money coaching

Tue Jul 9, 2024

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Jubilee Community Centre

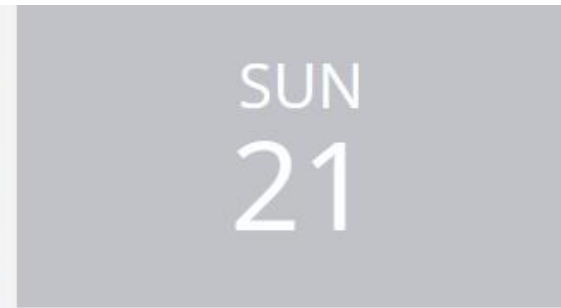


Real Parenting 2024

Thu Jul 11, 2024

7:30 PM - 9:15 PM

Amazon Studio



Members Evening

Sun Jul 21, 2024

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Jordan Hall, JCC

IN: here are some key dates...

1) **Volunteer Day** - Saturday 17th Aug 9-5pm. Opportunity for people to volunteer to come to the Centre and help with repair & maintenance, decorating, cleaning and improvement projects.

Tasks include but are not limited to:

Clearing carpark ground drainage channels.

Fence repair

Gardening

Room cleaning - floors and walls

Decorating

Kitchen improvements

If you would like to volunteer please sign up and let us know if you have any particular skills.

Email dave@jcceg.co.uk

2) Members evening Sunday 21st July 8pm - 930pm

3) Church picnics Sunday 28th July