



Celebration

Celebrating God's Comfort

What holds you back from celebrating? What keeps you from being home and full of joy for this season? Instead of being critical of the commercialization of Christmas, we ought to be overwhelmingly engaged with the fullness of the meaning of Christmas. We celebrate because we experience God's comfort even in times of trouble. We refine our searching toward the God who comforts us, we name the satisfaction we desire from God, and we cling to God, the source of our comfort.

FOCAL POINT: We celebrate because God is the source of true comfort.



Getting Started

Catch up together about how your week has been, possibly also revisit last week's meeting.

- ▶ At the end of a hard day, what helps you relax and reset?



Exploring Scripture

Read the following passage together.

Psalm 63

- ▶ Where do you hear God's heart in this passage?
- ▶ What words or phrases stick out to you?



Reflection

Take time to reflect together about the passage.

- ▶ In what way is your life/world like a dry and weary land? Do you ever experience your day-to-day life this way?
- ▶ What do you imagine David experiences when he reflects on God's comfort? How do you experience God's comfort?



Praxis

With the understanding that we gathered here are the body of Christ, let's allow the truth from today's scripture to impact us as a LifeGroup.

- ▶ Happy Thanksgiving! Let's practice gratitude together as a way to celebrate God's provision.
 - ▶ Make a list of 15 things you're thankful for in your day-to-day life.
 - ▶ After we're done making the list, let's sit in silence for a minute and reflect on these things.
 - ▶ Let's share together. What is one thing that came strongly to your mind as you reflected?
 - ▶ What are we grateful for in each other?



Moving Outward

Challenge each other to live out God's truth this week.

- ▶ Make a list of 5 things you're grateful for every morning this week, right when you awake.

Psalm 63

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Those who want to kill me will be destroyed;
they will go down to the depths of the earth.
They will be given over to the sword
and become food for jackals.
But the king will rejoice in God;
all who swear by God will glory in him,
while the mouths of liars will be silenced.