
TALK IT OVER

The Generation That Seeks His Face

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions toward the end of the document.

Scriptures Used

Psalm 132:1-9, Acts 13:22, John 1:14, Revelation 21:3, 1 Corinthians 14:24-25, Psalm 27:4, Psalm 26:8, Psalm 84:1-2

Questions:

1. The sermon defined God's glory as His "manifest nearness." Do you believe that we have become comfortable with only hearing stories of the manifestation of God's glory? And if so, why?
2. What do the Garden of Eden, the Tabernacle, the Temple, and Jesus who "tabernacled among us," reveal about God's desire for nearness with His people? How might it change the way we go after him?
3. In Psalm 132, David responds to God's desire for nearness by seeking a dwelling place for God before allowing himself rest or comfort. What does his level of determination reveal about the value he placed on God's presence? How does that challenge our priorities, and spur on our spiritual hunger?
4. Psalm 27:4 and Psalm 84:1-2 describe a deep longing simply to dwell in God's presence. How could our faith and daily decisions shift if our greatest desire were to be, like David, in his presence? What practices help cultivate that kind of longing?
5. The message contrasted Solomon's one request to God for wisdom with David's desire for God himself. And for David, why was building God's house more important than building his own? In what ways can spiritual passion be as foundational as gifting or knowledge?
6. Acts 13:22 testifies how David's heart was aligned with God's heart. Why do you believe it is important to want what God wants? How can we as believers lay down our own wants and align our hearts with God's heart?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

Small Group Action Steps

1. Consider taking the Group Health Assessment in your small group. This assessment will help you see how your small group is balancing the five purposes and will give you suggested next steps for each purpose. Click here to take the Group Health Assessment:

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