

Small Group Conversation Guide

“Back to Basics”

Week 5

Message: Seek God’s Presence

Main Idea: Living with the constant awareness of the presence of God is vital to our quality of life and spiritual health.

Connect: Describe a recent moment when you experienced the presence of God – maybe in nature, silence or solitude, music or community.

Prayer –

Scripture Reading: Psalm 27:1-6

Discussion

1. What was your primary takeaway from the weekend message?
2. Sometimes the presence of God forces us to feel and think about things we don’t want to face. What are some of the “Spiritual Ambien” you consume to avoid being in God’s presence?
3. When it comes to praising God, what makes you go “Wow?”
4. Rick said, “We don’t praise God with our thoughts; we praise God with our words, hands, bodies, and shouts of joy.” Not all of us express praise in the same way. What is your story and current expressive comfort zone when it comes to praising God?
5. How would you describe your prayer life? What is your response to the statement, “God may not answer your prayer the way you want, but God’s presence is better than the answer.”
6. How have you experienced the presence of God in pain, suffering, or loss? Encourage someone by sharing part of your story when it comes to pain and God’s presence.
7. If time allows, review our “Back to Basics” one things and share where growth is needed and the steps you will take to do so. Love Jesus. Tell Your Story. Be Generous. Be Faithful. Seek God’s Presence.

Prayer: Invite everyone to share prayer requests and close your time by praying for one another.