

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of June 22-23, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### Singing in the Desert

(Psalm 63)

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Psalm 63.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Mariana's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

At the time of writing this Psalm, we find David in the desert.

If you feel like you are currently in a "desert" season, share a bit about this struggle.

Or if you have gone through a "desert" season, what was that like?

How much peace, if any, could you find in this situation?

While we tend to run from "desert" experiences, these seasons have the ability to reveal our deepest desires.

When you find yourself in difficult seasons, what desires tend to surface and what desires tend to diminish?

If you have ever experienced the benefit of discovering a greater desire for God in the midst of one of these seasons, share a bit about what this looked/felt like?

We know difficult seasons will inevitably come, so how ready are you for the next season of difficulty in your own life?

In what ways can you prepare for seasons of challenge?

If desert experiences have the potential to draw us nearer to God, what could it look like to voluntarily wade into the desert?

If you have done this in the past, what has it looked like and what was the result?

David was prepared for the desert due to past experiences and due to his heart being rooted in God.

What are you doing today to nurture a heart like David's?

What practices feed your desire for God?

What, if anything, seems to get in the way of a deeper heart connection with God?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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