



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Pastoral Memoir

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- 1) Read Psalm 143:5-6. *"I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done. I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you. My soul thirsts for you like a parched land."*

Share one of your personal experiences of God's hands upon your life. If you can't think of any, was there any event or person from your past that had a significant impact in your life? Please share that experience with your group.

- 2) Let's talk about surrender and trust.
- It's not easy to trust or surrender. Why do you think it is hard for you to trust or surrender to God? Please be specific and personal in your explanation.
 - What are the differences and similarities between the two?
 - Which is harder for you – to trust or surrender, if you can choose, and why do you think so?
 - Can you think of a time in your life when you experienced surrender that led to deeper trust in God?

- 3) Here is an excerpt from Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen. Read together and spend some time to discuss the question posed here.

"If it is true that we not only are the Beloved, but also have to become the Beloved; if it is true that we not only are children of God, but also have to become children of God; if it is true that we not only are brothers and sisters, but also have to become brothers and sisters . . . if all that is true, how then can we get a grip on this process of becoming? If the spiritual life is not simply a way of being, but also a way of becoming, what then is the nature of this becoming?"

- 4) What is one area in your life that God is asking you to trust Him more?
- 5) Spend time together as a group to pray for one another, for our church, for our nation especially as we go through the Presidential Election this week.