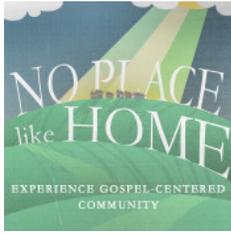


No Place Like Home
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En Gedi
Psalm 63:1-2



Inside every one of us is the longing for home - not for a specific street address, but for meaningful relationships in which we can be fully known and loved. Unfortunately, in our fallen world this kind of life-giving community is rare. This is where the church comes in. In God's master plan he made a way for his people, filled with his Spirit to form a new community that transforms the world. This is what we were created for! I hope you will join us in this 9-week series as we learn to show the world there's no place like home.

Discussion Questions: (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read Psalm 63:1-2. Just like David's thirst for God was exposed in the desert, God leads us into the desert to expose our thirst for him. How aware are you of your thirst for God? How has a recent or current desert experience revealed your thirst for him?
2. God not only wants to reveal our thirst for him in the desert, but he also wants to quench our thirst as the source of living water (see Ex. 17:1-7). Unfortunately, even though God has revealed himself as the source of living water, we still ignore him. What does Jeremiah 2:13 say about this? How have you rejected God's living water and tried to fill up on dead "cistern water"?
3. Just like David discovered in Psalm 63:2, God wants to be your "sanctuary" in the desert. In what ways have you experienced the sweetness of God's presence during a desert experience? If you have not experienced the sweetness of his presence and provision, why do you think that is so?
4. In John 7:37-38, when Jesus invited thirsty people to come to him and drink his living water, what did he promise they would receive and become? Have you come to Jesus to drink living water? If so, how will you stay connected to Jesus as the source of living water?
5. Not only does God want to be your En Gedi (i.e. living water), he wants you to be an En Gedi to others in the desert. Who has been an En Gedi to you? Will you tell them? Who would say that you have been their En Gedi?
6. Will you make a commitment to allow the LORD to use you, empowered by his Holy Spirit, to be an En Gedi to other people who are in the desert? Pray and ask the LORD to help us grow as a church body in this.