



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Psalms – A Sermon Series: Week 15, Psalm 63
July 28 – July 31, 2022

LEADER NOTES

Upcoming Dates to Know

July 31 – August 29: Optional summer break

August 7: New Leader Training - Visit coe22.com/newleader to get started

August 18-28: Fall Trimester Group Sign-ups

ANNOUNCEMENTS – WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

To stay connected to all that God is doing in and through The Church of Eleven22, visit coe22.com/news.

NEW Serve opportunity at the Eleven22 Retreat Center

Serve individually, with your disciple group or with friends. Some of the opportunities include splitting wood, planting flowers, cleaning cabins or general repair and upkeep of God's creation. We're asking that you and/or your group serve between 2-4 hours. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Women's Encounter at Epworth By The Sea

Join us for a weekend away to unplug and deepen your relationship with Jesus. We will talk about the heart of Christ, expand our thinking about God and deepen our faith in Him. [Click here for more details](#) and to register.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Sunday – Psalm 63

Monday – Psalm 86

Tuesday – Psalm 87

Wednesday – Psalm 89

Thursday – Psalm 90

Friday – Psalm 88

Saturday – Psalm 94

LOOKING BACK

WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE THIS PAST WEEK? (*Check-in, encourage and pray.*)

- What wins did you witness? Where did you see God move?

Psalms - Week 15: Better Than Life

The Point: "So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you." - Psalm 63:2-3

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 63, 2 Samuel 15-19, Revelation 22:17

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

LEADERS: Ask someone to read Psalm 63 and use the questions as a guide for discussion.

- **What did Pastor Cam share about the context of Psalm 63?** *(This psalm was written while David was in the wilderness, on the run from his son Absalom who wanted to kill him. While in these desert seasons, he strengthened himself in the truth.)*
- **Recall a time when you were in a spiritual wilderness. What did you find yourself reaching for to satisfy your thirst?** *(David shares in Psalm 63:1 that in the wilderness, his soul thirsted for God. God's presence in the wilderness is better than delivery from the wilderness. Everyone, including Jesus, goes through the wilderness, but not everybody's wilderness looks and feels the same. Instead of seeking out rich food, Pastor Cam shared that we reach for "hurricane snacks." The reality is when all you have is God you realize all you need is God.)*
- **Anything we reach for in times of crisis is our functional savior, and anything that isn't God is an idol. What's the difference between having an idol and an idol having you?** *(Idols are false gods that overpromise and underdeliver. Whether in seasons of crisis or not, idols can be good things that become god things. You can recognize an idol when you are willing to sin to get it, and/or if you are willing to sin if you don't get it.)*
- **What leads you to be part of a disciple group?** *(A few weeks ago, Pastor Joby shared that corporate worship and the gathering of believers is a gift to us to help sustain our faith in the wilderness. A disciple group is another way to gather with believers. **LEADERS share:** We are so glad that you choose to be part of our group within the Body of Christ and we want to support you as you deepen your relationship with Jesus in and out of the wilderness.)*

DEEPEN

- **Do you see the Gospel as merely practical, or do you see Jesus as beautiful and soul-satisfying?** *(To some, Jesus is useful. To believers, Jesus is beautiful. Sometimes we are travel agents selling tickets to places we've never been. The Gospel offers us so much more than religious belief systems (and moral guidelines) that don't end in hell. The Gospel offers a beautiful journey of discovering and deepening a relationship with Jesus.)*
- **What are you willing to blot out so you can gaze on the splendor, joy, and beauty of Jesus?**

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

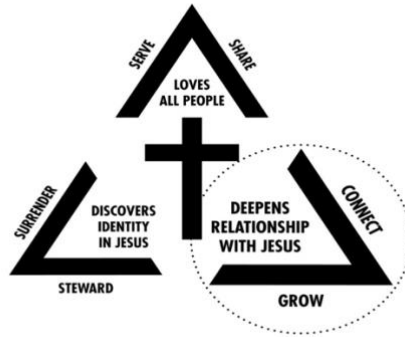
This Week:

1. Listen to Psalm 63 by Shane & Shane.
2. Memorize Psalm 63:3. "Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you."
3. Use the REAP method to Read, Examine, Apply, and Pray through one of the Psalms this week.

Additional Resources:

- **A Psalm a Day:** Text "Psalms" to 441122 to join us as we read through the Psalms together.
- **Psalms Resources:** Visit coe22.com/psalms or download the Eleven22 App.
- **RightNow Media:** Find an unending supply of resources by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to coe22.com/rightnowmedia or text "RightNow" to 441122.

(Note: You'll need to login or create an account to view RightNow Media content.)



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