

announcements

Baptism • November 23: Every week, remind your group about upcoming baptisms. Encourage them to let you know if they're interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches about baptism and what it means to take this step of obedience.

30's and 40's singles: Do you know of people in this season of life? If so, please pass along that there is a group planning some social events for them. If they are interested in being in the loop, please pass along their name and email to Allison (allison@northrockhill.com).

2 Samuel 13-23

This is for the context of Psalm 63

- **Sin's Consequences:** After David's sin with Bathsheba, his household unravels, Amnon assaults Tamar, and Absalom murders him in revenge (ch. 13).
- **Absalom's Rebellion:** Absalom wins the people's hearts, drives David from Jerusalem, and claims the throne (chs. 14–17).
- **David in the Wilderness of Judah:** On the run again, David faces betrayal, loss, and humiliation, yet clings to God for protection and hope (ch. 18; cf. possible setting for Psalm 63).
- **Restoration and further Division:** Absalom dies; David mourns, returns to power, and navigates lingering conflicts within Israel (chs. 19–20).
- **God's Faithfulness and David's Worship:** The final chapters record God's justice, covenant faithfulness, and David's enduring trust expressed in songs and prayers (chs. 21–23).

1. Knowing all David had lost by this point (his throne, his son, peace in his family and kingdom), what stands out to you about the way he speaks to God in this psalm?
2. What do we learn about God from this passage?
3. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?
4. In this season of your life, which character do you relate to most, and why?
5. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

6. What are the things you seek satisfaction in other than God when you are empty or uncertain? *Offer your group some time to consider this question carefully, and let them know you want to give them space to answer. Encourage them to be specific.*

GROUP PRAYER – PSALM 63

Assign three people to read the three different parts of Psalm 63 slowly and prayerfully.

Have the assigned reader pause briefly at the end of each section and use the short prompt provided to lead the group in prayer.

Verses 1–4

Pray that the Lord would awaken in us a deep hunger and thirst for Him and that he would teach us to seek Him first.

Verses 5–8

Ask God to remind us that true satisfaction is found in Him alone.

Verses 9–11

Offer up to the Lord, trust in Him with our struggles. Acknowledge him as our defender. Ask Him to fill us with the joy of victory in Jesus.

Closing

After the final prayer, allow a short moment of silence, then thank God for being near and enough for every season of life.

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORYTELLER: 2 Samuel 24