

VILLAGE

CHURCH

Bible Study Notes

Intro Question:

1. What's one thing you forget all the time?

Aim/Prayer: that we would turn to God when we are spiritually dry

Read: Psalm 42

Questions about the passage:

*During our 1 Peter Series we are going to use an adaptation of the 'Swedish Method' to grow as Bible Readers. But we will start with a one-off on Psalm 42.



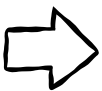
Step 1 - What would you say is the 'Headline' of the passage? Why?
Share & Discuss



Step 2 - What stands out to you from the passage? What shines?
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Step 3 - What didn't you understand? What questions did the text raise?
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Step 4 - What is one personal application from this passage?
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Pray: through the passage, for each other and for Village Church.

Homework: Read through all of 1 Peter

Remind: Village Meet - Monday, August 11 (see Village App for details).

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Psalm 42 is a Psalm of 'Remembering'. The Psalmist is feeling distant to God, spiritual depression, and reminds himself of God's goodness.

Questions about the passage:

Step 1 - What would you say is the 'Headline' of the passage? Why?

If I had to give this passage a headline, it would be. What to do when you feel spiritually dry or depressed?

Step 2 - What stands out to you from the passage? What shines?

This is a helpful opportunity to get people to notice things in the text. As you allow people to share - it might be worth asking follow up questions like why do you think that stood out to you.

Step 3 - What didn't you understand? What questions did the text raise?

Allow people to ask their questions and discuss. Remember to use things like footnotes or cross-references to explore more deeply. You can also take a look at Psalm 43 (originally, 42 & 43 were most likely together).

Step 4 - What is one personal application from this passage?

Encourage people to consider their own personal situation. Or you can vary this question each week by asking - what does this passage mean for people at Village? Or for non-Christians etc.