

**Text:** *Psalms 84:8-9*

1. In our journey through Psalm 84, what has impacted you the most and why?
2. The writer realized that when you look for God, you can find God. But sometimes we have to wait on God. What do we do that is unhelpful waiting? What should we do as we wait? Why?
3. Define what prayer is or means to you? What does God think of prayer?
4. In Psalm 84:8, the Psalmist asks God to "hear him" when he prays. What does the writer mean when he asks God to "hear" him?
5. The Psalmist asks God to listen to him pray? What does the writer mean when he asks God to listen to his prayers? Explain.
6. The Psalmist uses two names for God. What are they? What do they mean?
7. In Psalm 84:9, the writer asks God to protect, using the word "shield." What is a shield, and why is this imagery so important?
8. Look at 2 Samuel 22:31;36. How does the prophet describe God as a shield? What is he teaching us?
9. The Psalmist indicates that we should raise a shield of prayer protection for the King? How should we pray for leaders today? Who are the leaders in your life you should pray a shield of protection?
10. The Psalmists also indicates that prayer can be a shield of protection for others? How often should we or do we pray for other people in our lives? Why is it hard to pray for other people?
11. In Ephesians 6:16, Paul tells us that faith is a shield we should put on as part of God's armor. How can we use faith a shield of protection?
12. How does the Psalmist encourage us to "pray every step of the way"? What do you need prayer for right now?