

## **Summer in the Psalms – Week 2 outline**

- Psalm 84 Overview
  - Part of "Summer in the Psalms" series
  - Second of three weeks on Psalm 84
  
- Bible Study Process
  1. Pray
  2. Read the passage
  3. Highlight and take notes
  4. Use commentaries for context
  
- Introduction to Psalm 84
  - Expression of yearning for God's dwelling place
  - Context of Israelites' annual journeys to Jerusalem
  - Divided into three sections (verses 1-4, 5-8, 9-12)
  
- Focus on Verses 5-8
  - Verse 5: Strength in God
    - Hebrew meaning of "strength"
    - Pilgrimage as intentional and sacrificial
  - Verses 6-7: Valley of Baca
    - Meaning and symbolism
    - Transformation of hardship
  - Verse 8: Prayer to God

- Applications for Today

- Christian life as a pilgrimage
- Church as a family of fellow travelers
- Going from "strength to strength"
- Transforming our own "valleys of Baca"

- Church's Role in Community

- Transforming dry places into springs of refreshing
- Various ministries addressing community needs
- Seeing trials as opportunities for God's grace