

When...

I Need to Connect with God

Psalm 63

Launch

How do you feel about April Fool's Day? What's the best April Fool's joke you've played on someone (or had played on you)?

Explore

Read the Psalm

What attributes of God does David mention?

List all the words in this Psalm that convey emotion or intensity. What do they express about David's relationship with God?

David wrote this while he was in the wilderness (probably fleeing for his life). How does that context impact the significance of the Psalm?

Apply

David uses a lot of powerful imagery to describe his reliance on the Lord. Which of those phrases resonates the most with you?

Describe how you connect with God outside of church. What, where, and how do you do it? What are the effects?

Sometimes we compare ourselves to people in scripture and feel like we don't measure up. If we're honest, it can be hard to relate to phrases like "I thirst for you" or "You satisfy me as with rich food" because we don't always feel this way about our relationship with God. How can we read or sing these lines with integrity when it doesn't feel like reality? What can we do about it?

Pray

Pray that we would have this same level of desperation for and satisfaction in the presence of the Lord. Pray that we would connect with God early, passionately, and consistently, and that this connection would make us more like Jesus.