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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 10.10.21 Pulpit Curriculum

God's Presence with His people

God's presences produces praise in His people.
Main passage: Psalm 84:1-4

> "We cannot worship God, unless we consider Him worthy of worship, and we cannot consider Him worthy of worship, unless we know Him in Christ" -Stephen Charnock

1. **Long for the Lord's Presence (v.1-2)**

The psalmist displays a life that is amazed with God's glory and is longing to be in God's presence:

- Are we longing (waiting, hoping) to be in the Lord's presence?
- Is my hope on earthly things, or in eternity with Christ?

2. **Crave a closeness to God's Presence (v3)**

The desire for the psalmist is to be with the Lord; protected in Him.

- Is my trust completely in Christ and His promise to be with Him forever, or do I tend to find more comfort in the things I possess?
- Is there a desire, other than for God's presence in my life, that I should turn from, seeking forgiveness?
- Does my life evidence a craving or desire to grow in closeness with God?
- Do I desire to grow more, in Christ likeness, every day? (Ex. Do I seek him through scripture, prayer, the way I shepherd my kids, my testimony)
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3. **Praise God in His Presence. (v.4)**

The psalmist understood that to be in God's presence is the greatest thing we can desire:

- Do I come to God's presence with a heart of praise and thanksgiving? (Ps.95:2-3)

Closing question: "Is my heart longing to be with Christ, and desiring to bring glory and praise to His name forever?"