

# Group Prayer Requests

Surviving & Thriving in the Desert

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Psalm 63, II Samuel 15:13;23

## Desert Conditions

## Desert Reactions

## Desert Surviving & Thriving

- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ your need for \_\_\_\_\_ help. Vs. 1
  
- ❖ Stay \_\_\_\_\_ to a group of believers  
(\_\_\_\_\_). Vs. 2
  
- ❖ Thank God for His \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_)  
love for you. Vs. 3
  
- ❖ Pray \_\_\_\_\_ prayers. Vs. 4
  
- ❖ Choose \_\_\_\_\_. Vs. 5  
\_\_\_\_\_ God in the \_\_\_\_\_ He has placed  
you in.

❖ When you can't sleep, think about God as your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Vs. 6-8

### Final Thoughts

*Have you received God's gift of grace?*

*What is missing from your desert survival/thriving kit?*

### DESERT APPLICATIONS IDEAS

1. Confess to God your tendency to want to handle the desert experiences on your own.
2. Commit to be part of a church/small group experience that allows you to celebrate God's glory and power for the desert times.
3. Write out a desert prayer of your own to use for your current desert or a future one.
4. Choose a verse to memorize this week that reminds you of God's loyal love for you.
5. Honestly evaluate your contentment level while in your desert.

### **Discussion Guide**

#### Getting Started

Discuss a time past or present when you found yourself in the desert.

*What were your initial feelings when you entered this desert?*

#### Read Psalm 121:1-2

*Why do we seem to struggle with getting help from God in our times in the desert?*

*Who or what do we turn to instead of God while in the desert?*

*What does this say about what we think about God?*

#### Read Ephesians 3:20-21

*How does attending church on a regular basis remind us of God's power and glory?*

*How does attending a Community Group help to remind us of God's glory and power?*

#### Read Psalm 86:1-4

*What does a **DESERT** prayer sound like?*

#### Read Romans 8:38-39

*Why is God's loyal love for us so important when we are in the desert?*

#### Read Philippians 4:11-13

Notice that the context of Philippians 4:13 is the strength needed from Jesus to be content in all situations. Discuss the implications of the definition of contentment given in the message.

*Why is it so hard to be content in the desert?*

*How do we cultivate contentment in the desert?*

#### Read Psalm 54:5

*What examples would you share of God being your Helper, Protector and Sustainer in the desert?*