

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?