

God's Dwelling Place
Psalm 84

Review:

1. Corporate worship convicts us of our sin as we gather around the Word of God
2. Corporate worship gives us an opportunity to praise God for His saving grace
3. Corporate worship allows us to bless others who are going through times of dryness or grief

Go Further: Read I Peter 1:24-2:12

1. What does Peter say about the permanence of God's Word? Why should this motivate us to spend more time reading and learning it?
2. How does Peter say in 2:1 that God's Word should change our behavior? Why do you think this is the case?
3. In 2:2, in what way does Peter say we should long for God's Word? What does he say God's Word will help us to do?
4. To what does Peter compare Jesus in 2:4?
5. How does Peter compare the way people think about Jesus with the Father's reaction to Him?
6. Who does Peter say we are in 2:5? Because of this, what does Peter say we should be doing?
7. In 2:6, Peter quotes from Isaiah 28:16. To what does Isaiah compare Jesus? What promise does he make to those who trust in Him?
8. In 2:7, Peter quotes from Psalm 118:22. This is the same Psalm from which the people quoted on Palm Sunday, when they said, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26, compare Matthew 21:9). On that occasion, who rejected Jesus?
9. What does Psalm 118 say would happen after the cornerstone was rejected? In what way did this happen to Jesus?
10. In 2:8, Peter quotes from Isaiah 8:14. What does Peter say will happen to those who don't trust in Christ when they encounter Him?
11. In what ways does Peter describe believers in 2:9? Why does he say we should praise God?
12. In 2:10, how does Peter describe the change in the status of believers?
13. What behavior does Peter warn us against in 2:11? Why do you think he calls believers "strangers and pilgrims?"
14. How do you think what Peter calls "fleshly lusts" make war against our souls? Given the list in 2:1, what kinds of things do you think Peter is talking about?

Apply:

1. Are you satisfied with your daily and weekly interaction with God's Word? What changes would you like to make in your study of the Scriptures?
2. How might God's Word become a stumbling block for those who don't trust Jesus? What can you say and do to help people get over these stumbling blocks?
3. In what particular ways can you live out your status as a living stone in the Temple of God and as a member of a holy priesthood?