For starters... Why is it a potential problem if we just present the gospel as a kind of "quid pro quo" proposition such as – Trust in Jesus and you get eternal life?

## Reading to Understand – Psalm 84

1. What was something that stood out to you as you read the passage?



2. What question(s) came to mind as you read this passage?



3. What is the main point(s) of the passage?



4. How does this passage point to, or speak about, Jesus?

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## Going Deeper...

5. This psalm is arranged around three blessings that the psalmist proclaims. Why are those blessed...

- Who dwell in the house of the Lord (v. 4)?
- Whose strength is in the Lord (v. 5)?
- Who trust in the Lord (v. 12)?

6. In v. 2 the psalmist describes his deep desire to be close to God.

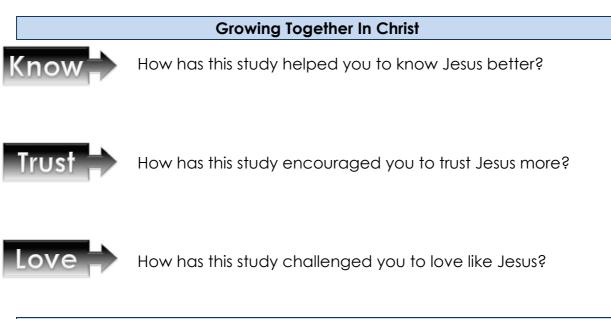
- How does he describe it?
- Why is the hope of salvation not about what we get, eternal life, but about who we get to spend eternal life with?

7. Our desire for God in our life is a good barometer for how we are going living the life of faith in Jesus.

- How is your desire for God at the moment?
- What things in your life are getting in the way of your desire for God?
- What can you do to go deeper in your desire for God?

8. Why does "going from strength to strength" often feel like going from weakness to weaker in the Christian life?

9. How would you share the gospel less like a quid pro quo proposition and more like the relational good news it actually is? (In your answer consider the ways salvation is often unpacked in the bible – Justification, reconciliation, marriage, and adoption. Also see John 17:3)



## Meditation on the Word and Prayer

Turn Psalm 84 into a personal prayer asking God to help your desire for Him to grow deeper.