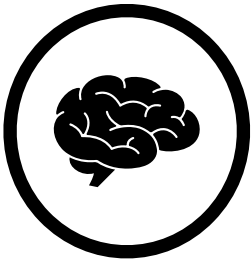


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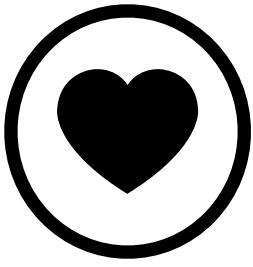
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Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. What do you think are the main points of the Psalm?
2. How does David describe the adversaries that are coming against him?
3. David describes the Lord as light, salvation and stronghold. How does knowing these truths enable him to not fear?
4. What is the one thing that David asks for and seeks?
5. Why do you think David desires such close and continuous fellowship with the Lord?
6. What is it that keeps David confident, even though he is under duress?
7. Read vs.14 - how does this verse encourage us as followers of Jesus?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu began by showing four pictures: a still lake, a fertile river, an arid desert and two bulls fighting. Which best describes your spiritual life at the moment?
2. Which one would you say best describes the spiritual state of David's heart when writing this Psalm?
3. Stu mentioned two enemies that drain our strength, rob us of our faith and joy in the presence of God: busyness and the works and effects of the enemy. Do you agree? What other enemies would you add?
4. Stu suggested that in Psalm 27 David is stewarding his heart towards the Lord. Do you agree / disagree? Why?
5. Stu suggested that the Psalm carries echoes of the gospel. In what way would this be true?
6. Stu also suggested that the Psalm nudges us forward towards Pentecost. Would you agree? In what way does it do this?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. Read and prayerfully meditate on Acts 3:19.
2. Paul encourages us to go on being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). How can you do this daily?
3. What is the 'one thing' you are seeking God for today?

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response