

Dwelling House

Open The Conversation: Share a memory made from this summer.

Key Scripture: Read the following together.

1The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? 2When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. 3Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident. 4One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple. 5For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 6And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord. 7Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek." 9Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the Lord will take care of me. 11Teach me Your way, O Lord, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. 12Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence. 13I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. 14Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Psalm 27

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- What fears or challenges am I currently facing, and how can I trust God more deeply in the midst of them? *Reflect on verses like Psalm 27:1 – "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?"*
- How have I experienced God's presence in difficult times, and how can I seek His presence more intentionally today? *Meditate on Psalm 27:4 – "One thing I ask from the Lord... to dwell in the house of the Lord..."*
- Are there areas in my life where I am waiting on the Lord? How can I grow in patience and faith during the waiting? *Consider Psalm 27:14 – "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."*

- David's longing to dwell in God's house was central to this psalm. What does that mean for us today as individuals and as a community? *Discuss Psalm 27:4 and what "dwelling in the house of the Lord" means in a modern context.*

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

"God, we long to dwell in Your house all the days of our life. We decide to turn to You as our source, and behold Your beauty. Help us to carry Your Presence everywhere we go. Amen."