



May 19, 2019
Seeking God's Face
On Earth
Psalm 24



CELEBRATION - How did we seek God's face through prayer and see his hand at work this week?



WORD - WHAT DID GOD SAY IN HIS WORD?

Read together: Psalm 24

Recall from Sunday: As we rest in the control of the Creator (24:1-2), we seek God's face (3-6) and release his presence on earth (24:7-10)

Reflect: Is there any part of your life where God feels absent? Where he doesn't seem to be in control? Why does it feel that way? What are you doing about it?



HEART - WHAT DID GOD SAY TO ME THROUGH HIS WORD?

God established the stability of earth over the chaos of the waters (24:2). Does your life feel stable and orderly or chaotic and uncertain? Do you believe God still brings order into the world? How can we grow in trust in God's control over our lives?

God's presence is available to those with clean hands and pure hearts (24:3-4). Have you ever hidden from God because you felt ashamed or unworthy to talk to him? How did you find your way back to him? What makes you "clean" before God? How can you hold on to that?

Prayer invites the presence of God into our lives (24:7). Often we do not have because we do not ask God (James 4:2). Are there things in your life you haven't asked God to help with? How can you invite him into more of your life?



WORLD - WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

As a prayer exercise, every time you pray this week, pause after you address God (saying "dear Father" or "heavenly Father" or however you pray). Before you say anything more, reflect on just who it is you are talking to. Remember that he is your creator and the creator of all things. Remember he holds your life in his hands. And then pray. See if your trust in God grows!

Use your prayer time together as a group to identify new prayers. Perhaps there are parts of your lives you are struggling with because you haven't invited God in. Spend time praying new prayers to God.