

God's Nature – Tracing His Fingerprints 'Desert'

Matthew 4:1-2, Psalm 63:1-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

For anyone who heard last week's message on 'Fire' as well as this week's on 'Desert', in what ways are the two messages similar in engaging with God's Nature? In what ways are there distinctions?

To know that Jesus himself found himself tested and tried in the desert gives us great confidence in the ways that he can relate to and help us. Have someone read Hebrews 4:14-16 and discuss the ways this can impact our faith, our prayers, and our hope.

Applying

Because the nature of the desert is such a dry, dangerous, and desperate place, what are critical aspects of survival for those that find themselves there? What are the spiritual connections or symbolism that might relate to surviving in desperate, dry, dangerous seasons?

As we invite in each week's studies, we want to challenge people to engage in the element of God's Nature that the message talked about (in this case, desert). While that may not be feasible (or desired), in what ways might we engage with the dryness/barren nature of the desert? What comes to mind as you consider the nature of God in this aspect of God's nature?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?
What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?

