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Part 9

[Psalm 42:1-5, 7]

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.
I thirst for God, the living God.
When can I go and stand before him?
Day and night I have only tears for food,
while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, “Where is this God of yours?”
My heart is breaking
as I remember how it used to be:

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group’s goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.
I walked among the crowds of worshipers,
leading a great procession to the house of God,
singing for joy and giving thanks
amid the sound of a great celebration!

Why am I discouraged?
Why is my heart so sad?
I will put my hope in God!
I will praise him again—
my Savior and my God!

Deep calls to deep
in the roar of your waterfalls;

“..My heart is breaking
as I remember how it used to be:
I walked among the crowds of worshipers
leading a great procession to the house of God”

[Isaiah 55:10]
“As the rain and snow come down from the heavens
and stay on the ground to water the earth.
They cause the grain to grow,
producing seed for the farmer
and bread for the hungry, So shall my Word be…”

[Psalm 72:5]
May the king’s rule be refreshing like spring rain on freshly cut grass,
like the showers that water the earth.

[Hosea 6:3]
“Oh that we might know the LORD;
let us press on to know him.
As surely as the sun rises,
He will appear;
He will come to us like the rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

[Psalm 87:7 (AMP)]
The singers will say…. “All my fountains (the sources of my life and joy) are in you.”

[Isaiah 12:3]
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

[Genesis 26:12-15, 18]
When Isaac planted his crops that year, he harvested a hundred times more grain than he planted, for the LORD blessed him. He became a very rich man, and his wealth continued to grow. He acquired so many flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle, and servants that the Philistines became jealous of him. So the Philistines filled up all of Isaac’s wells with dirt and debris. These were the wells that had been dug by the servants of his father, Abraham.

So Isaac reopened the wells his father had dug, which the Philistines had filled in after Abraham’s death. Isaac also restored the names Abraham had given them.

1. Go Back to where your father gave you the inheritance!

2. Eliminate any and everything your Father didn’t give you!

3. Once you dig it up, dig another well because it’s bigger than you!

[Genesis 26:23-25]
From there Isaac moved to Beersheba, where the L ORD appeared to him on the night of his arrival. “I am the God of your father, Abraham,” he said. “Do not be afraid, for I am with you and will bless you. I will multiply your descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will do this because of my promise to Abraham, my servant.” Then Isaac built an altar there and worshiped the L ORD. He set up his camp at that place, and his servants dug another well.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What message, during this Psalms of Summer series has really stirred you? What have you done to be intentional about implementing some of the truths you have heard?
2. Can you remember a time when you were so thirsty you were longing for a drink of water?
3. Read Psalm 42:1-5, when we are in a dry place why is it important to remember how it used to be? How did it used to be, what stories do you recall when you find yourself in a dry and weary land?
4. What are the names of the spiritual wells you go to for refreshing? What are the things that can fill and clog our wells?
5. What can you do to dig up the wells and restore the flow of Gods love and presence in your life?
6. How can we dig wells that will not only refresh us but will be a source of love and joy for those in your life? Have you identified the wells you have dug that your family is drinking from?
7. Spend some time giving God thanks for the flow of His love and provision. Give Him honor and thanks for filling you to overflowing. Let the house you are meeting in become a well you dig together.