

## HomeGroup Discussion Guide

February 1-7, 2009

### Key Idea of the Week:

Jesus often withdrew from people in order to be alone with God. Why did He do this? Is there something valuable to be gained from being 'still' before the Lord?

### Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Psalm 42.

Discuss

David's desire to meet with God is very strong in the first two verses of this Psalm. Have there been times in your life when you have been overwhelmed with desire to 'go and meet with God?' Tell us about it.

Are you still passionate about meeting with God? If not, why did this passion seem to 'leak.'

Do you think that consistently meeting with God would help keep the passion alive?

Is it possible to 'meet with God' in the hustle and bustle of daily life? Why are solitary places, such as the places Jesus would escape to, the best places for meeting with God?

Are you afraid of silence? Explain.

Why does our culture seem obsessed with filling silence?

What do you think 'deep calls to deep' means? What was David trying to express?

Being regularly silent before God is known as the 'discipline of solitude.' How would your life be different if you developed this pattern in your life?

Where in your typical day might you be able to scrounge some time to be silent? Are you willing to take the necessary steps to make that a reality this week?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week.