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Small Group Questions

Part 1: Find God

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Read

Psalm 63; 2 Corinthians 6:2; Eccl. 11:4; John 17:3; and Romans 12:2

Reflect

We often feel pressure coming at us from multiple directions. David knew what it was to live under pressure. Even once he was king and well into his reign, he had to face great strife within his own family. His own son, Absalom, was trying to kill him. Once again, David was exiled and running for his life. But in the midst of this awful time, he chose God as his top priority and composed one of the most moving and beloved of the Psalms: Psalm 63—a psalm of praise and worship.

Pastor Greg highlights for us three things about finding God in the new year:

1. Finding God begins with an intimate relationship.
 - a. Have you clearly defined your priorities for the new year? If not now, when? Consider making a short list of priorities.
 - b. Identify who or what is trying to squeeze you into the world's mold. What are you allowing to take God's place?
 - i. How will you combat it this year?
 - c. David knew God, do you?
 - i. How were you introduced to God?
 - ii. How well do you feel you have continued to build the relationship?
 - iii. Do you feel you know about God, rather than really know him? Explain.
2. Finding God involves earnestly seeking him.
 - a. How much do you really desire to know God?
 - b. In what tangible ways will you go deeper at Seacoast to grow closer to God this year? Here are some ideas. Identify what you intend to make a priority, and consider sharing with the group.
 - i. Get baptized.
 - ii. Commit to going regularly to weekend service.
 - iii. Find a place to serve.
 - iv. Set aside 1st Wednesday for worship.
 - v. Take part in the 21-day fast.
 1. Watch or attend morning encouragement during the fast.
 - vi. Start a Bible-reading program.
 - vii. Start a daily devotional.
3. Finding God results in a satisfying life.
 - a. Have you gotten to a place in your relationship with God where you can say, "God is enough?"
 - b. How will you turn pressures in your life to empowering opportunities to worship and grow closer to God?
 - c. Do you believe that nothing is impossible with God? Will you stand and declare to God that you will seek him yet more and more?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?