

Growth Group Homework and Discussion Questions

For the Week of June 13-19, 2010
"Seeing God in the Wilderness"

Homework:

Before your Growth Group meets, take about 20 minutes on your own to complete the following...

Read Psalm 57. This was an honest cry of David for help. He seeks out God as his true hiding place. Write down some attributes of God mentioned in this psalm that make Him the safest place of refuge. Take some time to thank Him for being who He is.

Growth Group Discussion Questions:

The following questions are to be discussed when your Growth Group meets this week.

My Story: What's the smallest space you've lived in? What was it like?

Digging Deeper: Read 1 Samuel 24.

1. If Hollywood had written the story of Saul and David, the filmmakers probably would have scripted a fight scene in which David kills the wicked King Saul before taking his rightful place on the throne. Why would God have disapproved of that plot?
2. Why do you think that God commands us not to take our own revenge?
3. Why was it wrong for David to cut off a piece of Saul's robe?
4. In what ways does David's honest confrontation with Saul give you a positive example of how to deal with someone who has injured you? If this type of confrontation isn't possible, what could you do to bring closure to the situation?

Living It:

When David spent time in the wilderness he spent some time hiding out in caves. One of those caves was the Cave of Adullam (1 Samuel 22:1).

1. Are you a "cave dweller" sometimes? What threatening enemies or situations usually force you into hiding?
2. What are your most comfortable hiding places, and why do you go there?
3. What if David had never left his hiding place? When does a cave become a prison?
4. David's cave became a haven for him, a place where he could pour out his heart to God and allow God to heal his wounds. We all need retreats like that, particularly when the storms of life rage and batter us. When was the last time you planned a spiritual retreat for yourself? How can you make it a meaningful experience? If you can't leave home, how could you schedule some concentrated time with the Lord?