

Digging Deeper

Series: REVIVED!
Sermon: Samuel: A Lesson in Seeking God's Face
Scripture: 1 Samuel 7:1-13



GETTING STARTED

Describe a time when you intensely pursued something or someone. It may have been a relationship, a job or some other goal or ambition. How did you feel during that time?

BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Psalm 42:1-2. What does this passage teach us about seeking God's face?
2. Read 1 Samuel 7:1-4. Although verse 1 says that Israel "sought after the LORD", what do we read in verse 2 that suggests that it was not a whole-hearted pursuit of God?
3. Read verses 5-6. What was the symbolic significance of drawing water and pouring it out on the ground in verse 6 (not that it accompanied their confession)?
 - This act of confession and commitment was done in public. In what way might that have affected the people's willingness to honor their commitment?
4. What do we read in verse 8 that confirms that the people were putting their trust in God for the victory in this situation?
5. What role would a memorial like the one Samuel erected in verse 12 play in helping God's people to pursue Him from this point forward?
6. Go through 1 Samuel 7:1-13 and identify the way the people of Israel:
 - Humbled themselves:
 - Prayed:
 - Pursued God:
 - Turned from their wicked ways:

APPLY IT

Consider how the following spiritual disciplines can help you to pursue God with your whole heart:

- Bible study/devotions
- Prayer
- Worship
- Service
- Fasting
- Confession