

# Vision Based Curriculum

Honor God ...  
Make Disciples

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## Big Idea

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.

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## Get Started

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night. Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely. But those plotting to destroy me will come to ruin. They will go down into the depths of the earth. They will die by the sword and become the food of jackals. But the king will rejoice in God. All who swear to tell the truth will praise him, while liars will be silenced.” (Psalm 63, NLT)

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## Discussion Questions

1. David knew God
  - How were you introduced to God?
  - How well do you feel you have continued to build the relationship?
  - Do you feel you know about God, rather than really know him? Explain.

2. Have you clearly defined your priorities for the new year? If not now, when? Consider making a short list of priorities.
3. Have you gotten to a place in your relationship with God where you can say, "God is enough?"
4. How will you turn pressures in your life to empowering opportunities to worship and grow closer to God?
5. 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?

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## Prayer

Pray for God's best for you and your group in 2017

Ask God for opportunities to share the love of God in practical ways.

This week, Monday - Friday, we will have our annual all church prayer and fasting. Encourage your group to attend the nightly prayer at 7 PM.