

Sermon Discussion Questions: February 22, 2026
When All Seems Lost

Call to Worship: John 7:37-38

1. Verse 39. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be glorified before the Holy Spirit was given?
2. How did Jesus' proclamation in verses 37 and 38 relate to the activities being carried out in the feast?

Sermon: Psalm 63

I. Affirm Our Dependence on God – Verses 1-4

1. Absalom chose to be more influenced by David's vices than by his virtues. Give a scriptural example of someone who did the opposite; who turned out well in spite of many bad influences.
2. During Absalom's rebellion, David was experiencing the severe heartache of betrayal by friends and family. He was also in immediate danger for his life, and the life of friends and loved ones. Yet his primary focus was on God. How do we follow his good example and stay focused on God, rather than our problems, during adversity?
3. Friends, good health, and financial prosperity are all wonderful blessings from God. Why does God often withdraw these gifts?
4. How did Jesus' sacrifice differ from the sacrifices instituted in Deuteronomy and Leviticus?
5. What did Pastor Rich say was the symbolism of the tearing of the curtain that separated the Holy of Holies from the remainder of the temple?

II. Basking in Our Fellowship with God – Verses 5-8

6. When David had insomnia, he meditated upon God. If you have a strategy for keeping your mind focused on God during activities that do not require all your concentration, please share it.
7. Pastor Rich says that he can recall times that, prior to his salvation, God was protecting him. If you have a story like that, please share it.

8. Pastor Rich said that God can bring joy, and redeem any situation.
 - a. Share a verse that supports this teaching.
 - b. In this context, what does “redeem” mean?

III. Cultivate the Perspective of God – Verses 9-11

9. Whether you believe all the spiritually lost suffer the same punishment, or that their punishment varies based on their sin, make a scriptural case for your belief.
10. Isaiah 65:1 states that God seeks out even those who are not looking for him, and prophesies that the Gospel will be opened to the Gentiles. Name two other doctrines that are mentioned in the Old Testament and then developed in the New Testament.
11. AI Question (🤖): How does David deal with the presence of enemies in his life? What can we learn from this in handling opposition?

Action Points:

- Affirm your need for God; go to Him first.
- Take time to bask in your fellowship with God.
- Cultivate the perspective of God.