GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF JUNE 12 2016 FIGHTING DESPAIR (Pastor Rodney Martin) PSALM 42 & 43

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. What do you think the psalmist emotional state is in Psalm 42?

2. Read Verse 2. Why does he make the distinction?

What would cause you to long for God? Have you ever longed for the presence of, or communion with God? Why or why not?

What does it mean to say "My Tears have been my food?

3. Read verses 3-6. What do you think is the reason for their mocking? How important to our faith is it to remember things related to God v4,6? What does the Psalmist miss according to v 4 and 6?

III. Making it Personal

4. How can does knowing more about God help us trust him more? (42:5. 11; 43:5)

5. Does knowing God loves you (v 8) help you when you are hurting or sorrowful? How?

IV. Prayer