

## In the Valley

NorthRidge Church

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- **Dwelling Place/Tabernacle** ... Dwelling of God ... \_\_\_\_\_
- **Courts** ... Settlement/Town ... \_\_\_\_\_
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**How do you get to the place where you are actually ...**

1. Longing for His \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vs. 1-2; cf. Ps. 42:1)
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## So What?

1. Life is filled with seasons of difficulty that is painful "at the time" but later yields a harvest.
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3. If you believe in Jesus and you rest in him, then "suffering will relate to your character like fire relates to gold." (Tim Keller)
4. We should not assume that if we are trusting in God we won't weep, or feel anger, or feel hopeless, or even feel betrayed.
5. Nothing is more important than to learn how to maintain a life of purpose in the midst of painful adversity.

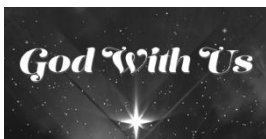
## Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

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- That God will bless them abundantly, so they have all they need to abound in the ministry: equipping and anointing to facilitate leading the group, whatever is needed to be consistent and faithful to the ministry, a heart of compassion, and full obedience to take needs to the Lord. Philippians 4:19
- Pray the leaders seek first the kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33 Pray for the participants!
- That they believe God is working in their lives and that HE has the power to help them recover from their hurts and fears.
- That they voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in their lives and to humbly ask Him to remove any character defects.
- That they evaluate relationships, offering forgiveness to those who have hurt them and making amends for harm they've done to others.
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- **Courts** ... Settlement/Town ... **Security**
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