

BELPRES CHURCH

Sermon Title: Beauty of God

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-6, 13-14

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?
² When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.
³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.
⁴ One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.
⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.
⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

Discussion Questions: Read Psalm 27:1-6, 13-14. Answer the following questions with your family, friends or All In group.

Opening Questions:

- Looking back, were you able to apply any of the things we talked about last time to your life this week? What did you do? How did it go?

Scripture Reflection Questions -- Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage and sermon?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

Sermon Reflection Questions – Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- When is the last time something beautiful took your breath away? Have you ever had that experience with God, and God's beauty taking your breath away? Why/why not?
- In Psalm 27, David isn't just coping with his circumstances, but triumphant over them. Can you think of an example when you've felt victorious despite "the day of trouble" (vs. 5)?

Closing Question and Application:

- Given what we've discussed together today, how might God want you apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week?
- Who might you share this with?

Closing group prayer:

- Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Thank God for the time together, the

conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.