



BETHELCHURCH

Longing for God
Psalms: Teach us to Pray
Psalm 84
Pastor Jonas Bundy

At Home Study Guide

For the week of June 12, 2016

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- What have you looked forward to with such anticipation that it caused you to miss out on present activities?
- Which of the blessings listed in Psalm 84 are most meaningful to you today?
- Zion was the formal place of worship. This is where the presence of God dwelled. Why did Jesus' claims in John 2:19-22 and 4:11-14 cause such a great stir?
- Read Revelation 21 and 22. What about the new Jerusalem (Zion) do you find most attractive? What about this portrait of the new heavens and the new earth gives you hope?
- In Zion will come the one who is to save Israel. What will be the outcome of those who trust Jesus according to 1 Peter 2:6?

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