

**Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
June 14, 2009**

**Accelerate your Pursuit of God
Psalm 42 & 43**

1. Can you recall a time when you were extremely thirsty but had no access to water? Have you ever been dehydrated? What affect did it have on you? What did you have to do to remedy the situation? Did it change your appropriation for water?
2. Read Psalm 63:1, John 4:10-15, John 6:36. How does our physical thirst illustrate our spiritual thirst?
3. Read Jeremiah 2:13. Our spiritual thirst is our appetite for God. What does it reveal about our appetite for God if we are not intentionally pursuing him as the only one who can quench our thirst? Can our spiritual thirst be quenched by anything other than God. What substitutes do we often use to try to quench our spiritual thirst? Are you spiritually dehydrated?
4. Read Psalm 36:7-9 & Psalm 34:8. What does God “taste like?” How does God satisfy a thirsty soul?
5. At what pace are you pursuing God? Describe a time in your life when you were pursuing God at a greater pace than you are currently. What were the circumstances surrounding this time?
6. Are you currently experiencing any of the “accelerants” that life’s pains provide? (Tears, Taunting, Turmoil) How have tears been an accelerant for your pursuit of God? Taunting? Turmoil?
7. How does music play a role in pursuing God? Sing a song right now in pursuit of God.
8. How much time do you spend intentionally pursuing God in your day? Your Week? What needs to change in order for you to intentionally cry out to God in prayer and hear his truth in the Bible? For most of us this will mean an investment of time. How does your schedule need to change in order to prioritize these disciplines?
9. Discuss specific places in the Bible where you will be reading this week then report back the next time your group meets on how it affected your pursuit of God.
10. Martyn Lloyd Jones said, *“Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself?”* What kinds of things do we need to preach to ourselves? Read Romans 8:31-35 for a great list.