



Part 1 | Awakening to Longing: There's Got to Be More

We all have a longing to love and be loved in return, to find purpose for our days, and to make sense out of life when life doesn't seem to make any sense. Those longings are from God, and when you allow those strong desires for more to draw you nearer to him, he will fulfill your longings.

Bottom Line: Life's deepest longings are given to us by God to lead us to him.

Discussion Questions

1. What is one wild or rebellious act you committed as a teen or young adult that you now realize was foolish?
2. Have you ever felt like you "lost" God somewhere along the way (or perhaps never found him in the first place)? If so, describe the sense of separation you have felt and why you continue to want to find him.
3. Have you ever had one of your major desires fulfilled but then found that the fulfillment wasn't enough -- you were left with more longing and dissatisfaction? If so, describe the experience.
4. In what ways are your dissatisfactions and desires pushing you away from God? In what ways are they motivating you to seek God?
5. Read Psalm 63:1-8.
 - a. What images does David use to express his longing for God? Which one interests you the most, and why?
 - b. What indications do you see that God was able to satisfy David's longings?
6. Of the three universal longings mentioned in the message - the longings for purpose, love, and meaning - which longing seems to be strongest to you right now? Why? How have you sought God - if at all - as a result?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?