

**1. The longing of a devoted heart**

- a) Psalm 84:1-4, 5-9, 10-12 – the sons of Korah
- b) Psalm 63:1-4, 6-8 – the psalmist David
- c) Psalm 42:1-2 – the sons of Korah
- d) Psalm 143:6-8 – the psalmist David
- e) What are your thoughts about such an earnest longing for God?
- f) Who has modeled for you such an earnest longing for an intimate relationship with the LORD?
- g) Is it possible to nurture a deep longing for God or is it a gift from God?
- h) What are some ways you have found helpful to nurture a deeper longing for God?

**2. Going into the House of the LORD**

- a) Psalm 122:1-9 Why did worshippers experience such joy when they ascended Mount Zion and entered the House of the LORD?
- b) What did the House of the LORD represent for the children of Israel? Exodus 25:8
- c) We don't have a wilderness sanctuary or Temple today. Where is the House of the LORD for us?
- d) What personal preparation is necessary for us to experience joy as we come to the House of the LORD?
- e) Share a time when you experienced joy as you came into the presence of the LORD.

**3. Jerusalem/Mount Zion – a special location in salvation history**

- a) Psalm 87:1-3
- b) Psalm 48:1-3
- c) Psalm 46:1-7
- d) Psalm 125:1-2
- e) Why is Mount Zion such a special place in salvation history?
  - i) Genesis 22:1-8, 9-14
  - ii) Mark 15:16-20, 21-26, 27-32, 33-39 What are your thoughts and feelings as you hear the story of the trial, condemnation, crucifixion, and death of Jesus?
  - iii) Mount Zion was not only the place of the death of Jesus. It was also the place of His resurrection.
    - (1) Luke 23:50-56, 24:1-8
    - (2) John 20:1-10, 11-18

**4. Longing for the heavenly Zion, the new Jerusalem**

- a) Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27
- b) The most important question we can ask ourselves today is this: How can my name be written in the Lamb's Book of Life? How can I be certain that I will have a place in heavenly Zion, the new Jerusalem?

