Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

A poem/song written by David, a king who followed God.

David went through many trials while being king including being hunted and persecuted. He wrote the Psalms describing God and His character during both good and bad times.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

David writes about his need for God, how he searches for God, and how God will help him in all situations.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 6: PRIORITIZING RAYER

Psalm 63 (NIV)

[1] You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
[2] I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
[3] Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
[4] I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
[5] I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
[6] On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
[7] Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
[8] I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
[9] Those who want to kill me will be destroyed;
they will go down to the depths of the earth.
[10] They will be given over to the sword
and become food for jackals.
[11] But the king will rejoice in God;
all who swear by God will glory in him,
while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

In healthcare, when a hard situation or patient comes up it can feel like you are alone in a desert. What do you need from God in those moments? Commit to setting aside 10 minutes every day this week to memorize this Psalm (or another comforting scripture) to be a reminder that God is with you in hard times. Choose the time you will do this and set an alarm or reminder now.

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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