

Profession of Faith Sunday Faith's Journey: Psalm 84

Read/Reflect

- 1. Read Psalm 84, once out loud (and together if in a group), and then silently. What word or phrase catches your attention? Why?
- 2. Psalm 84 is a pilgrimage psalm. What do you suppose it feels like to make a pilgrimage on foot to a distant place in a desert land and where travel involved many threats? What positive experiences can you identify in the psalm about a pilgrimage?

Explore

- 3. Psalm 84 describes various features along the road of a pilgrimage. What sorts of features does the path include in your journey of faith?
- 4. If the Lord's temple was the destination of the ancient's pilgrimage, what's the destination of your faith journey?
- 5. In your journey of faith, what's your greatest desire or longing? your biggest surprise or turning point? Your place of contentment or shalom?
- 6. What gets in the way of making your way into God's dwelling place (vs.1) or his courts (vs.12)?

Pray

- Pray blessing upon one another as you each seek God's presence this week.
- Pray through the psalm, submitting a petition to God that summarizes each section of the poem. Suggestion: A. verses 1-4; B. verses 5-7; C. verse 8-9; D. verses 10-12