

Consider incorporating these questions into your check-in time to help your group start thinking about this week's topic.

What do you spend the most time thinking about?

What are some of the events in your life that made you who you are?

We may encounter God through his Word, but also through the words of others. Invite the

Spirit to help you encounter God as you read the following poem together. Note scriptural themes and movements of the Spirit as you consider this week's topic.

One thing, with true joy.

One thing, I confuse a stomach that is full

One thing! with a heart at rest.

It's hard to imagine Sometimes I would rather have

one thing my appetites satisfied When I seem to be attracted than a grace-filled heart.

to so many things. Sometimes I would rather hold

It is a continuing the physical

struggle. than have the eyes of my heart It is a daily filled with the beauty of battle. the spiritual.

It is my constant I am tired of only seeing

war. what

The world of the physical my physical eyes

attracts me, can see.
excites me, I want eyes
magnetizes me, and to see

addicts me. what

I confuse consumptioncannot be seen.with satisfaction.I am tired of craving

I confuse satisfied senses people,

possessions, locations, circumstances, positions, experiences, appearances....

Somewhere in my heart,
I know that only you
satisfy.
Deep in my heart,
I want you to be
enough.
I must quit
moving,
running,
driving,
pursuing,

consuming.
I need to
stop.
I need to
be quiet.
I need to sit

What attribute of God do you most resonate with? (ex. strength, patience, gentleness, humility)

Find a rock and decorate it, with paint or pens, and the word that reminds you of an attribute of God. Put it somewhere you will see it as a reminder of God as rock and foundation, and that characteristic as a way to remind you of the nearness of God's Spirit.

Close your time in prayer for each other. Consider asking each person to write down their prayer requests on a 3x5 card and switch them with someone else in the group. Pray for each other throughout the week.

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