



Into the Desert

The Exchange 12 Dec 2015

These questions are here to stimulate dialogue about today's topic - feel free to skip around or discuss items not listed below.

1. Do you think there is space in your life for God? What things are you tempted to fill space with?
2. Where are you tempted to act when is God asking you to wait?
3. How do you deal with moving from busyness to space?
4. How is life different if God is in control compared to when you are in control?
5. Is coveting a bad thing? A good thing? Mixed? Is it ok to want what you haven't got?
6. "People whose lives are all noise, diversions, and thoughts for the future... But take away their diversion and you will see them bored to extinction. Then they feel their nullity without recognizing it, for nothing could be more wretched than to be intolerably depressed as soon as one is reduced to introspection with no means of diversion." Blaise Pascal. Do you know anyone like this? Are you ever like this?
7. God promises rest. What does that mean? Is that appealing to you?
8. Have you ever been in a literal or metaphorical desert? What was it like? What did you learn there?
9. What are the temptations you see around you that affect people? What are the temptations that affect you?
10. Can you wait on God too much? Is there a risk of too much passivity?
11. What do you think Jesus did in the desert for 40 days? What was the point of it all? Do you think it is something that happened just to him or it is something that all those who follow him go through?
12. Can you follow God and also climb the ladders of the world? How do you know when they are incompatible?

Share any prayer requests & praises to close.