

Week 33– Questions to Consider

Psalm 99 ~ Psalm 100 ~ Psalm 101 ~ Proverbs 21:1-15

Small Group Warm Up Question:

Do you have a favorite Christian app or website? How does it help you?

1. When do we sing songs outside of church? For what reasons do we sing? How do songs affect us? How does our singing affect those around us? Why do you think God gave us a book full of songs (Psalms)?
2. What is your favorite verse from Psalm 96? Why? How would you summarize Psalm 96 in a sentence or phrase? In one word?
3. When might it be hard to sing a song like Psalm 96? When might it be extra important to sing a song like Psalm 96?
4. What are some of the other world religions you are aware of? What are some cults or other false belief systems that you have heard of? Why are all other world religions, cults, and beliefs systems a form of idolatry? Why is it true that “all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols”? (Psalm 96:5) Is that hard for you to believe? To say? Is that important for you to hear?
 - a. “What does the Bible say about idols?” www.trustworthyword.com/idols
5. Given that so many are not worshipping the one, true living God who “made the heavens” (Psalm 96:5), how should that motivate us towards evangelism and missions?
6. Read Psalm 97:2-5. Is this usually how you think of God? Why or why not? Why is this description of God important? How does it affect you?
7. Do you think we have become “tolerant” of evil? If so, how does that come to happen? Why does God say to His followers that that should “hate evil” (Psalm 97:10)? How can we protect ourselves from becoming “numb” to the evil around us? How can we better see the seriousness of sin so that we “hate evil”?
8. What is your favorite musical instrument? Why? Why do you think the Lord describes so many types of instruments being used to worship Him? (Psalm 98:5-6)
9. How does the Lord describe the world as worshipping Him in Psalm 98:7-8? How have you seen the natural world glorify God? How are humans different in our ability and responsibility to worship our Creator? Why is not worshipping God a serious sin?

More questions @ www.southfork.church/psalms-proverbs-discussion-guide

10 Reasons for Sunday Singing

Psalm 96 & 98 (ESV)

www.trustworthyword.com/what-does-the-bible-say-about-worship-through-singing

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2. We Come Alongside the Creation

- Psalm 66:4 “All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” Selah
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3. We Overflow Our G_____ to God

- Psalm 98:1 “Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.”
- 2 Chronicles 30:21 “And the people of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness, and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with all their might to the LORD.”

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- Psalm 71:23 “My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.”
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- Psalm 104:33 “I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.”
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- 1 Corinthians 14:15 “What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.”

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This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

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- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
- **Our Plan:** www.southfork.church/2023-bible-reading-plan

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