

Week 14 – Questions to Consider

Psalm 40 ~ Psalm 41 ~ Psalm 42 ~ Proverbs 10:1-16

Small Group Warm Up Question:

How do you want to be remembered after you die?

1. Read 2 Chronicles 1:6-13. How did Solomon become so wise? How is this helpful to understanding the “Proverbs of Solomon” (Proverbs 10:1-22:16)? How might we imitate Solomon to gain wisdom for ourselves and our families?
2. The sayings of Proverbs 10:1-16 cover a wide area of subjects. Which one is your favorite? Why?
3. Why does a parent want to pass down wisdom to their children and grandchildren? Do you have a favorite “wise saying” that was passed to you? What is a particular piece of wisdom that you are passing down to your family now?
4. Why is waiting so difficult? What does it mean to wait patiently for the Lord (Psalm 40:1)?
5. Who is someone you know that is a good listener? Do you consider yourself a good listener? How does it affect you to know that God listens to our prayers (Psalm 40:1)?
6. What is your favorite “new song”? What is it like when you hear a new song that connects to you? How does it make you feel? What is your favorite song of “praise” to God? Why? (Psalm 40:3). How can our joy, praise, & obedience be a witness to others?
7. Look at Psalm 41:4. Why is our confession of sin so important? Even while David is admitting his sinfulness, he is also declaring himself a man of “integrity” (Psalm 41:12). Can both be true simultaneously?
8. David repeatedly writes Psalms about people attacking him, accusing him, mocking him, and plotting against him yet he stays faithful to God. How does this example encourage your faith?
9. Although David does not yet know how his life will end, he remains confident that the Lord delights in him, will uphold him, and will “set me in your presence forever” (Psalm 41:11-12). Why is this perspective so important for endurance in suffering?
10. Why do you think Psalm 42:1 is so popularly known (and sung)?

This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

- Week 15: Psalm 43 ~ Psalm 44 ~ Psalm 45 ~ Proverbs 10:17-32
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
 - **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdev
 - **Our Plan:** www.southfork.church/2023-bible-reading-plan

Jesus Is Worth the Wait

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What will you wait in line for?

What sort of things do we wait for?

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What are the top 3 things that are worthy of your waiting?

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Why do we wait? What does waiting look like?

When will we not wait?

What goes through our minds when we decide we won’t wait?

What happened on Easter? What happened after Jesus’ resurrection? The Friday before Easter, Jesus was falsely accused, tortured, and executed by crucifixion (a slow method of killing by hanging, impaled with nails on wooden beams). After Jesus’ death, He was buried, and three days later, on Easter, Jesus was resurrected to life. He then physically appeared to hundreds of people, showing His power and wisdom before ascending back into Heaven (John 18-21 & 1 Corinthians 15). www.spiritualwarfare.blog/easter

Easter - John 20 -> See the Disciples Waiting

Our Easter Invitation -> Live-in-W_____

Hebrews 9:27–28 “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, [28] so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but **to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.**”

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What will you miss if you don't wait for Him?

Don't Wait -> Live Out Your Created P_____

Acts 22:14–16 “And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; [15] for **you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.** [16] **And now why do you wait?** Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’”

What have you seen, heard, & experienced with Jesus?

Have you cried out to Him for salvation? In baptism?

Do you find Him worthy of your waiting? Of your living? Of your purpose in life?

Focus Forward in Confident Hope -> Waiting for Jesus is H_____, but Worth It.

Romans 8:22–23 “For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. [23] And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons,** the redemption of our bodies.”

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Acts 20:23 “the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.”

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Know Your F_____ -> Destruction or Heaven

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