

## Week 49– Questions to Consider

Psalm 138 ~ Psalm 139 ~ Psalm 140 ~ Proverbs 29

### Small Group Warm Up Question:

*What is your biggest hope and prayer for your family?*

1. What are you most thankful for in your life? When did you last thank God specifically for them? What does it mean to be half-hearted? What does it mean to be whole-hearted? How do you want to be more genuinely whole-hearted in our thanks-giving to God? (Psalm 138:1)
2. If a child is ungrateful, how would you teach that child to be more thankful for what they have? How can you recognize sincere gratitude in a child? As a child of God, how has God taught you to be more grateful? What is the Psalmist most thankful for in Psalm 138:2? Why?
3. Have you ever called, texted, emailed, or messaged someone and been intentionally ignored? What did that feel like? Why? If you could call, text, email, or message a celebrity, who would you call and why? How would you feel if they refused to respond to your communication? Why? Now think about the Creator of the Universe. Psalm 138:3 says “On the day I called, you answered me.” Think about how God gives you a way to communicate with Him. Invites you to call upon Him. Chooses to listen to your voice. Loves to answer your prayer, even though you are “lowly” compared to Him (Psalm 138:6). What is God teaching you now? About prayer? About gratitude? About God?
4. What are some of the “troubles” God has rescued you from in the past? For which you are most grateful? (Psalm 138:7) What “purpose” do you think God has for you? (Psalm 138:8) In light of all for which you are grateful, how does that impact your desire to live in God’s “purpose” for you?
5. Look over Psalm 139:1-6. What does God know about you? What does God not know about you? How should we respond to God’s knowledge?
6. Look over Psalm 139:7-12. Where does God go? How does reality impact you?
7. Look over Psalm 139:13-16. Why is God’s creation of us in our mother’s womb so significant? What does the Psalmists description of pre-born human children reveal about him?

More questions @ [www.southfork.church/psalms-proverbs-discussion-guide](http://www.southfork.church/psalms-proverbs-discussion-guide)

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### 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Does Whatever \_\_\_\_\_ Wants

God Made Everything. God Owns Everything.

- Isaiah 64:8 “O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.”
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### 3) God Does \_\_\_\_\_ He Wants

What God Wants Is Good, Loving & Right

- God is Just. All of His Punishments and Wrath are Right.
- God is Love. All of His Mercies and Blessings are Love.
- God is Good. All of His Ways are Good. (Omnibenevolence)
- Job 1:21 “And he said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.’”
- Job 2:10 “‘Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”
- Deuteronomy 32:4 “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.”
- 1 John 4:8 “God is love”
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### 4) God Does Whatever He \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### TRUST GOD - God Does Whatever He Wants

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#### This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

Week 50: Psalm 141 ~ Psalm 142 ~ Psalm 143 ~ Proverbs 30

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** [remind.com/join/sfbcd devo](http://remind.com/join/sfbcd devo)

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