

Week 2 – Questions to Consider

Psalm 4 ~ Psalm 5 ~ Psalm 6 ~ Proverbs 1:17-33

Christian Life - Small Group Warm Up Question:

When and how did God save you?

1. Does it ever feel like God isn't listening to your prayers? Why or why not? Do we sometimes presume that God has to listen to us? Who does God listen to? Why doesn't He always answer the way we pray? At the time of our prayers? (Psalm 4:1-3, Psalm 5:1-3)
2. Think about when God has delivered you, provided for you, or comforted you in the past. Why is it important to remember His past faithfulness? (Psalm 4:1)
3. What should you do while you wait for God's answer to your prayers? How does Psalm 4:4-5 help us think through some aspects of waiting? What is trust based upon? How is it grown?
4. How can a Christian's joy be greater than an earthly "high"? (Psalm 4:6)
5. How might Psalm 4:8 connect with Psalm 3, especially in verse 5?
6. Why is Psalm 5:4-6 so important? Tough? Comforting? Motivating?
7. How does Psalm 5:7-8 give us confidence? How might we pray in a similar manner?
8. When you see or experience evil, what goes through your mind? How is Psalm 5:9-10 a warning to them? A way for believers to pray? Does this contradict or compliment the command to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44)?
9. How might you pray Psalm 5:11-12 over your brothers and sisters in Christ?
10. How does God grow us to see the seriousness of our past sins? What should we do when we are convicted anew over a past failure? What is the difference between the Holy Spirit's conviction and Satan's condemnation?
11. How is Psalm 6 a helpful prayer when you are convicted about a past or present sin? Why are enemies referenced within it?
12. How do you feel when someone ignores you? Does not listen to you? What about a child or employee thinking they know more than you?

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

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2. Water - T_____ for God's Goodness

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This Next Week's New Testament Reading Plan:

- Week 3: Psalm 7 ~ Psalm 8 ~ Psalm 9 ~ Proverbs 2
- **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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