

Week 31– Questions to Consider

Psalms 90 ~ Psalm 91 ~ Psalm 92 ~ Proverbs 19:14-29

Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you could see one person in your life be saved, who would it be?

1. What are the purposes of a “dwelling place”? What does it mean to say that God is your “dwelling place”? How have you experienced God as your “dwelling place”? (Psalm 90:1)
2. What does Psalm 90:2 mean? Why is it such a significant truth? How does it connect with John 1:3?
3. How do our lives measure up against God’s longevity? (Psalm 90:3-6) Why do you think God used Moses to write this Psalm to the people of Israel before crossing over into the Promised Land?
4. Why do we prefer to avoid the topic of God’s wrath, anger, and justice? Why is it important for us to hear passages like Psalm 90:9-11? What does it mean for God to “teach us to number our days”? (Psalm 90:12) How has God taught you these sorts of lessons of the years?
5. In what situations might it feel that God is disciplining you or far from you? What does it feel like when God shows favor to you? (Psalm 90:13-17) How might this Psalm guide our prayers in hardship?
6. How might a shadow be a safe place? How can we “abide in the shadow of the Almighty” according to Psalm 91:1-2? Why is this a helpful way to describe salvation?
7. What stands out to you in the description of God’s protection in Psalm 91:3-6?
8. How does Psalm 91:9-10 sound like God’s protection over His people during the plagues of Egypt?
9. Who tried to twist Psalm 91:11-13 against Jesus? (Matthew 4:6; Luke 4:10-11) Does this Psalm encourage Christians to put themselves in danger? What was Jesus’ response to Satan? Why do you think Satan so often uses the twisting of Scripture as one of his warfare tactics against believers? How do believers best prepare for such attacks?
10. Why is it “good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises” to His name? (Psalm 92:1) How does a spirit of gratitude and joy change our perspective in life? Why do we like being around people who are grateful and joyous? Who is someone you would describe as grateful and joyous? Would people describe you as grateful and joyous? If not, how can you be more intentional to change your reputation?

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

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www.Bible.video

God’s Truths on Friendship

Psalms & Proverbs (ESV)

The Kind of Friend to Avoid Being & The Kinds of Friends to Avoid Being With

1) **B_____ Friends**

- Psalm 41:9 “Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.”
- Psalm 55:20 “My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant.”
- Luke 21:16–19 “You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. [17] You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. [18] But not a hair of your head will perish. [19] By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

2) **Corrupting, Foolish Friends**

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 “Bad company ruins good morals.”
- Proverbs 13:20 “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

3) **F_____, Fleeting Friends**

- Proverbs 14:20 “The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends.”
- Proverbs 19:4 “Wealth brings many new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend.”
- Proverbs 19:7 “All a poor man’s brothers hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him! He pursues them with words, but does not have them.”
- Psalm 88:18 “You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me; my companions have become darkness.”

4) **Shallow, Unreliable Friends**

- Proverbs 18:24 “A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

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5) An A _____ Friend

- Proverbs 22:24–25 “Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, [25] lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.”

6) The World

- James 4:4 “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

The Kind of Friend To Be & The Kind of Friendships To Pursue

1) A T _____ -Speaking Friend

- Proverbs 27:6 “Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.”

2) A Consistent, Loving Friend

- Proverbs 17:17 “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

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- Psalm 15:3 “who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend”

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5) An E _____ and Righteous Friend

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6) A Praying Friend

- Job 42:10 “And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

7) A L _____ -term Friend

- Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. [10] For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! [11] Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? [12] And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

8) A Sacrificial Friend

- John 15:12–13 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

Week 32: Psalm 93 ~ Psalm 94 ~ Psalm 95 ~ Proverbs 20:1-15

- **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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