

Week 26– Questions to Consider

Psalm 76 ~ Psalm 77 ~ Proverbs 16:17-33

Small Group Warm Up Question:

What could we learn from how other denominations or cultures worship?

1. How would you define “pride”? In what ways is pride the root of all sin? How can we discern pride within us? Why does God give us so many warnings about “pride” and a “haughty spirit” leading to “destruction” and “a fall”? (Proverbs 16:18)
2. What are some keys to having a “lowly spirit”? Why is it better to be poor with a “lowly spirit” than to be rich among the “proud”? (Proverbs 16:19)
3. How do the words of others impact us? Who is someone you know whose speech is always full of “sweetness” and “gracious words”? (Proverbs 16:21,23-24) How have they impacted you?
4. Read Proverbs 16:25. What does this mean? What should we do with this warning?
5. How would you define “gossip” (“whisperer” Proverbs 16:28)? Why is gossip so harmful? How can we protect ourselves from the temptation to receive or share gossip?
6. What do you think about the process of aging? How might Proverbs 16:31 change our perspective on aging?
7. What does Proverbs 16:33 teach us? Psalm 76 starts out with “In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. His abode has been established in Salem and his dwelling place in Zion.” Is God “known”, regarded as “great”, and “dwelling” within your home? Your workplace? Your neighborhood? Your community? How do we make someone “known” and regarded as “great”? What are some effective ways you have found for sharing the Jesus where you live and work? What are some witnessing methods you have found to be ineffective?
8. What are some of the most beautiful places/sights that you have seen in God’s creation? Why do you think the Psalmist brings the image of a mountain in describing God? (Psalm 76:4)
9. When we look at many of the biblical victory stories, we often think of God’s protection, strength, and deliverance. Why do you think God describes the side of the enemy’s loss and destruction so vividly? What can we learn from those verses? (Psalm 76:5-10)
10. Why do you think Psalm 76 finishes with an emphasis (v.11-12) on making and keeping vows to God? Giving gifts to God? How does our gratitude and generosity to God reflect our heart?

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

3 Ways to Praise God

Psalm 76:10–12 (ESV)

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C. The Lost’s Persecutions Strengthen God’s Saints

Psalm 56:12–13 “I must perform my vows to you, O God;
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God the Father.”

This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

Week 27: Psalm 78 ~ Psalm 79 ~ Psalm 80 ~ Proverbs 17:1-14

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
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