

Week 9 – Questions to Consider

Psalm 25 ~ Psalm 26 ~ Psalm 27 ~ Proverbs 6:20-35

Christian Life - Small Group Warm Up Question:

Who has been a spiritual mentor to you?

1. How would you define or describe “trust”? Do you find it hard to trust others? Why or why not?
2. What does it look like to say, like David, “O my God, in you I trust” (Psalm 25:1)? In what areas or seasons of life can it be harder to fully trust God and His plan?
3. What does “distrust” of God look like? Why is “distrust” of God so serious?
4. David says “remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions” (Psalm 25:7). Have you ever prayed that way, asking God specifically for His forgiveness over long-past sins in your youth? How does it feel when you think about your past sins of your youth? How does it feel knowing that God forgives us even for those long-past sins?
5. David writes that “The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him” (Psalm 25:14). How is our relationship with God like a friendship? In what ways is our relationship with God different than a friendship? What does it look like to “fear” or respect God?
6. Why is walking/living in “integrity” so important? So freeing? (Psalm 26:1,11).
7. What do you think of David’s request to have his heart and mind tested by God (Psalm 26:2)? Would you make the same request? Why or why not?
8. Read Psalm 26:4-5. Why is caution needed for our decisions of who we surround ourselves with? How does the music, media, and entertainment we choose affect us for better or worse?
9. What does Jesus mean when He prays for us like this: “I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.” (John 17:15)? How do we remain in the world, but not “not love the world or the things in the world” (1 John 2:15)? How does 1 John 2:16 help us to understand how the world comes against us?
10. Read Psalm 27:1. What stands out to you in this verse? Why?
11. When people talk about Heaven, what do you think they look forward to the most? How does this compare
12. Why would David’s most important prayer request be Psalm 27:4? Why is this such an important way for us to pray as well? How do we practically “seek after” this sort of goal?
13. Why do you think Psalm 27 finishes the way that it does?

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

For His Name’s Sake

Psalm 25:6-11

*For your name’s sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great. (Psalm 25:11)*

Whose Name Are Your Living For?

S_____ Is Living For Your Name’s Sake

- 1 John 2:16 “For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.”
- 2 Timothy 3:1–5 “in the last days there will come times of difficulty. [2] For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, [4] treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [5] having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.”

How Do You Use God’s Name?

Taking His Name In V_____

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- Lip Service: False/Empty Claim of Faith (Hypocrisy)
 - Matthew 15:7–9 “You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

His Name Is H_____ - Set Apart, Exalted, Worthy

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- Psalm 103:1 - all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- Psalm 105:3 - Glory in his holy name
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God's G___ & Foundation: For His Name's Sake God Loves What Is MOST Glorious - His Name

- *Not a Vain, False Ego. Accurate. His name is our only hope!*
- Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
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Live and Love for His Name's Sake

- Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
- Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

This Next Week's Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

Week 10: Psalm 28-3 & Proverbs 7

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
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