

Week 25 – Questions to Consider

Psalm 73 ~ Psalm 74 ~ Psalm 75 ~ Proverbs 16:1-16

Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you could ask God one question to answer, what would it be & why?

1. When was time that you “almost stumbled” in your faith? What led to those spiritual missteps? How did God bring your back into His way and path? (Psalm 73:2)
2. If you are honest, is there something from Psalm 73:3-12 that you can relate to about the lives of unbelievers and how you might be tempted to envy them at times? In what was do they seem “always at ease” (Psalm 73:12)?
3. Why might following Jesus feel “vain” at times when you see the suffering it can bring? (Psalm 73:12-14) What correctives and reminders stand out to you in Psalm 73:18-28?
4. Why is going to church (“into the sanctuary of God” Psalm 73:17) so important for reorienting our perspective? What are some of your favorite parts about your church family?
5. What kind of questions go through our minds when we witness or experience a natural disaster (hurricane, tornado, earthquake, drought, floods, etc.) that causes extraordinary destruction and loss of life? How might people feel in relation to God in such times? What are some ways that Psalm 74 guides us to pray in those seasons?
6. Psalm 74 seems to be describing the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem by the Babylonians (~586 BC). Today, when we see news of churches being attacked and destroyed by vandalism, religious violence, or governmental action, how do Christians feel? What temptations might they face? (Psalm 74:3- 11)
7. What sort of reminders do believers need in times of persecution or suffering? (Psalm 74: 12-17) Why are these reminders so important and helpful?
8. How do you see “foolish people” reviling God’s name today? How does that make us feel? How should we pray for such people? How should we engage and speak with such people? (Psalm 74:18, 22-23)
9. What does it mean that God will “judge with equity”? (Psalm 75:2) What is the opposite of equity? What do we see in human governments and courts today?
10. Why does God give the warnings of Psalm 75:4-5 to the “boastful” and “wicked”? What are some ways we can lovingly warn the lost? How have you tried to share the Gospel with the lost? What sorts of responses have you received?

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

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www.Bible.video

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Romans 5:8 “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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- “What should we do when we are surrounded by evil?” www.spiritualwarfare.blog/surrounded-by-evil

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- “How can I be saved?” www.spiritualwarfare.blog/saved
- “How can I be sure I’m saved?” www.spiritualwarfare.blog/examine
- “What does the Bible say about Heaven?” www.spiritualwarfare.blog/heaven
- “What does the Bible say about Hell?” www.spiritualwarfare.blog/hell

This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

- Week 26: Psalm 76 ~ Psalm 77 ~ Proverbs 16:17-33
- **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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