

Week 47– Questions to Consider

Psalm 132 ~ Psalm 133 ~ Psalm 134 ~ Proverbs 28:1-14

Small Group Warm Up Question:

Share a time when God grew you significantly (a mission trip, a retreat, a conference, a camp, a tough season, etc.)?

1. When David was King of Israel, how did things go for Israel? Why? What do you remember of how David finished as King? What happened after his rule? Why?
2. The Psalmist begins Psalm 132 with a focus on David's faithfulness to God in building the temple. What request is the Psalmist making? Why would the Psalmist bring up David's faithfulness in the midst of such a request?
3. When they pray for the Lord to be in their midst (Psalm 132:8 "your resting place", i.e. the temple in Jerusalem), what sort
4. The word Messiah comes from the transliterated Hebrew word for "Anointed" and the word Christ comes from the transliterating "Anointed" into Greek (ESV Study Bible). What connection do you see in Psalm 132:10 pointing forward to Jesus, according to the promises to David (Psalm 132:11-12, 17)?
5. Read Psalm 132:13-18. How does this description bring to mind a foretaste of Heaven?
6. Have you ever experienced a time of division within your church family? Within your biological/adopted/marriage family? Within your workplace? All of the above? What does it feel like to be in such situations of turmoil? In contrast, what is the experience of "unity" in relationships like? (Psalm 133:1)
7. Psalm 133 uses the imagery of a priest being anointed in comparison with "unity." How does peace in relationships demonstrate our "holiness" in being set apart for God's purposes?
8. Psalm 133 also uses the imagery of a mountain rising above the landscape as the visible source of water for the region. How does peace in relationships bring life to others around Christians?
9. Read Psalm 134. What do you think the purpose is for this Psalm? What does it teach? How does it encourage you?
10. Why would the wicked flee "when no one pursues"? Why would the righteous be as "bold as a lion"? How have you experienced or observed this personally? (Proverbs 28:1)
11. How might Proverbs 28:2 apply to what you have observed in your nation's government? How might this guide your prayers for your country?

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

Promises Kept

The King Is Coming: 10 Amazing Connections

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1. Promises Made: See God's C_____

- *To Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 18:10
- *To David* - 2 Samuel 7:12, 2 Chronicles 6:16, Acts 2:30
- *To the Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:16
- *To Mary & Joseph* - Luke 1:30-33

2. Impossible Births: Know Human L_____

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 17:17, 18:14
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:14–15
- *Mary & Joseph* - Matthew 1:22-23, Luke 1:34-35

3. The King Is Coming - Experience God's P_____

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 21:1–3
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:17
- *Mary & Joseph* - Matthew 1:1-2,6,

4. **The Only Son: Witness Parental L_____**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:2, 12, 16; Hebrews 11:17–19
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:18–20
- *The Widow of Nain* - Luke 7:12–16
- *The Only Son of God* - John 1:14, 3:16,18; 1 John 4:9

5. **An Amazing Faith: T_____ Modeled**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:5, 7-10; Hebrews 11:17-19
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:22, 28, 30
- *Mary & Joseph* - Luke 1:45, John 19:25–27

6. **R_____ God's Perfect Provision**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:7-8, 13-14
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:32–36
- *Jesus* - John 1:29, 12:15; Matthew 21:5, 27:46

7. **E_____ God's Promises Kept**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:17–18
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:37
- *Mary & Joseph* - Luke 1:46–47, 54-55

8. **See the Child of the Promise R_____ from Death to Life**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:17–18
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:37
- *Mary & the Disciples* - Matthew 28:8–9, Acts 1:9
- *Us* - Romans 4:16, 10:9
 - Romans 4:16–17 "to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, [17] as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist."
 - Romans 10:9 "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

9. **Be Confident: The King Will R_____**

- Matt 24:27 "as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."
- Matthew 24:44 "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."
- Acts 1:10–11
- Revelation 22:16

10. **The King Has Won, Is Winning, & Will Win - Long for the Messiah's Victory**

- 1 Corinthians 15:25–26
- Romans 8:37–39
- Hebrews 9:28
- Revelation 17:14
- Revelation 22:20–21 "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

This Next Week's Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

Week 48: Psalm 135-137 ~ Proverbs 28:15-28

- **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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1. Promises Made: See God’s Care

- *To Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 18:10
 - Genesis 18:10 “The LORD said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him... [12] So Sarah laughed to herself “
- *To David* - 2 Samuel 7:12, 2 Chronicles 6:16, Acts 2:30
 - 2 Samuel 7:12 “When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.”
 - 2 Chronicles 6:16 “Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.’”
- *To the Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:16
 - 2 Kings 4:16 “And he (Elisha) said, ‘At this season, about this time next year, you shall embrace a son.’ And she said, ‘No, my lord, O man of God; do not lie to your servant.’”
- *To Mary & Joseph* - Luke 1:30-33

- Luke 1:30–33 “And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31] And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [32] He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33] and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

2. Impossible Births: Know Human Limitations

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 17:17, 18:14
 - Genesis 17:17 “Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, ‘Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?’”
 - Genesis 18:14 “Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:14–15 “And he said, ‘What then is to be done for her?’ Gehazi answered, ‘Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.’ [15] He said, ‘Call her.’ And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway.”
- *Mary & Joseph* - Matthew 1:22-23, Luke 1:34-35
 - Matthew 1:22–23 “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: [23] ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).”
 - Luke 1:34–35 ““And Mary said to the angel, ‘How will this be, since I am a virgin?’ [35] And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.’”

3. The King Is Coming - Experience God’s Power

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 21:1–3

- Genesis 21:1–3 “The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. [2] And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. [3] Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. (ESV)
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:17 “But the woman conceived, and she bore a son about that time the following spring, as Elisha had said to her.”
- *Mary & Joseph* - Matthew 1:1-2,6,
 - Matthew 1:1–16 “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. “[2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers...[6] and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah...the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.”
 - Luke 1:32–35 “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33] and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’... [35] therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”

4. **The Only Son: Witness Parental Love**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:2, 12, 16; Hebrews 11:17–19
 - Genesis 22:2 “He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.””
 - Genesis 22:12 “He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’”
 - Genesis 22:16 “and said, ‘By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son’”

- Hebrews 11:17–19 “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, [18] of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.””
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:18–20 “When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. [19] And he said to his father, ‘Oh, my head, my head!’ The father said to his servant, ‘Carry him to his mother.’ [20] And when he had lifted him and brought him to his mother, the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died.”
- *The Widow of Nain* - Luke 7:12–16 “As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. [13] And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ [14] Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, ‘Young man, I say to you, arise.’ [15] And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.”
- *The Only Son of God* - John 1:14, 3:16,18; 1 John 4:9
 - John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
 - John 3:16 ““For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
 - John 3:18 “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”
 - 1 John 4:9 “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.”

5. **An Amazing Faith: Trust Modeled**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:5, 7-10; Hebrews 11:17-19

- Genesis 22:5 “Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.’”
- Genesis 22:7–8 “And Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘My father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?’ [8] Abraham said, ‘God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.’ So they went both of them together.”
- Genesis 22:9–10 “When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. [10] Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.”
- Hebrews 11:17–19 “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son... [19] He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.”
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:22, 28, 30
 - 2 Kings 4:22 “Then she called to her husband and said, ‘Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again.’”
 - 2 Kings 4:28 “Then she said, ‘Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me?’”
 - 2 Kings 4:30 “Then the mother of the child said, ‘As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So he arose and followed her.”
- *Mary & Joseph* - Luke 1:45, John 19:25–27
 - Luke 1:45 “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”
 - John 19:25–27 “but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son!’ [27] Then he said to the

disciple, ‘Behold, your mother!’ And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.”

6. Receive God’s Perfect Provision

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:7-8, 13-14
 - Genesis 22:7–8 “And Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘My father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?’ [8] Abraham said, ‘God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.’ So they went both of them together.”
 - Genesis 22:13–14 “And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. [14] So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:32–36
 - 2 Kings 4:32–37 “When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. [33] So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD. [34] Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. [35] Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. [36] Then he summoned Gehazi and said, ‘Call this Shunammite.’ So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, ‘Pick up your son.’ [37] She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.”
- *Jesus* - John 1:29, 12:15; Matthew 21:5, 27:46
 - John 1:29 “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”

- John 12:15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”
- Matthew 21:5 “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”
- Matthew 27:46 “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’”

7. **Enjoy God’s Promises Kept**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:17–18
 - Genesis 22:17–18 “I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, [18] and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:37
 - 2 Kings 4:37 “She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground.”
- *Mary & Joseph* - Luke 1:46–47, 54-55
 - Luke 1:46–47, 54-55 “And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, [47] and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, [54] He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, [55] as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.’”

8. **See the Child of the Promise Rise from Death to Life**

- *Abraham & Sarah* - Genesis 22:17–18
 - Genesis 22:19 “So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.”
 - Hebrews 11:17–19 “By faith Abraham...considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.”
- *The Shunammite Woman* - 2 Kings 4:37

- 2 Kings 4:37 “She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.”
- *Mary & the Disciples* - Matthew 28:8–9, Acts 1:9
 - Matthew 28:8–9 “So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [9] And behold, Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.”
 - Acts 1:9 “And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.”
- *Us* - “the one who shares the faith of Abraham” Romans 4:16, 10:9
 - Romans 4:16–17 “That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, [17] as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.”
 - Romans 10:9 “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

9. **Be Confident: The King Will Return**

- Matthew 24:27 “For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”
- Matthew 24:44 “Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
- Acts 1:10–11 “And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, [11] and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’”

- Revelation 22:16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

10. The King Has Won, Is Winning, & Will Win - Long for the Messiah’s Victory

- 1 Corinthians 15:25–26 “For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”
- Romans 8:37–39 “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Hebrews 9:28 “so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”
- Revelation 17:14 “They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”
- Revelation 22:20–21 “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [21] The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.”