

Week 22 – Questions to Consider

Psalm 64 ~ Psalm 65 ~ Psalm 66 ~ Proverbs 14:18-35

Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is an effective way you've found to share the Gospel with others?

1. What is the danger of being “simple” according to Proverbs 14:18? What does it mean to be “prudent”? What kind of knowledge is to be our “crown”? Why do you think it is described as a “crown”?
 2. How do you think Proverbs 14:21 connects with the parable of the “Good Samaritan” in Luke 10:25-37? What are some practical ways we can show love to our neighbors today? What are some practical ways to be generous to the poor?
 3. Do you think there is a good work where you work? Why or why not? Why do you think God puts an emphasis on a good work ethic in Proverbs 14:23?
 4. What does it mean to “fear the Lord”? (Proverbs 14:26-27) Why is it so important? What is the opposite of “fear the Lord”?
 5. What are some reasons we get angry? When can anger be “righteous”? When is anger sinful? What are some helpful tips to be “slow to anger” & to avoid a “hasty temper” (Proverbs 14:29)?
 6. What are some examples of “righteousness” exalting our nation? What are some examples of “sin” bringing “reproach” (or disapproval) from God? (Proverbs 14:34)
 7. Have you ever played a hiding game like “hide and go seek”? What did it feel like when someone was searching for you? What was it like when they were close to finding your hiding place? In what ways does it feel like Christians have to “hide” today? Like people are “seeking” out to mock, isolate, and persecute Christians around the world? (Psalm 64:1-6)
 8. When you think of Christians living “underground” in hidden/secret churches in persecuted nations, how can we best pray for them now? How would you want to be prayed for in a similar situation? Take the time to pray for persecuted Christians now.
 9. Why do you think Psalm 65:1 connects both “praise” and “shall vows be performed” as ways to honor God?
 10. How would you define “blessed”? How does Psalm 65:4 describe our most amazing blessing as Christians? How does this excite you for eternity with Jesus?
 11. How are the miracles of God (Psalm 66:6) and the creation of God (mountains, seas, people, sunrise, & sunset) designed to make us “in awe” of our Lord? (Psalm 65:5-8). Which is your favorite biblical miracle & why? What is your favorite aspect of creation & why?
- More questions @ www.southfork.church/psalms-proverbs-discussion-guide

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Psalm 65:4 (ESV)

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Matthew 5:2–12

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Romans 8:29-30 “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

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- John 6:44 “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.”
- Romans 9:11 “though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls”

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Psalm 84:10 "For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

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1. Your soul is carried by angels into God’s presence and paradise for all eternity.
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Ecclesiastes 5:10 “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.”

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Proverbs 19:23 “The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.”

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Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

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- Philippians 3:20-21 “will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body”
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 Behold! I tell you a mystery... we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality”
- 1 Thessalonians 4:18 “so we will always be with the Lord”

This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:

Week 23: Psalm 67 ~ Psalm 68 ~ Psalm 69 ~ Proverbs 15:1-15

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