

## Week 10 – Questions to Consider

Psalm 28 ~ Psalm 29 ~ Psalm 30 ~ Proverbs 7

### Christian Life - Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is your favorite mission or ministry experience?

1. Why do you think Proverbs 7 encourages (metaphorically) keeping God's commandments on your eye, heart, and fingers?
2. Biblically, who is a "forbidden woman"? In what ways do we see men tempted to pass "near" the "corner" of the house of the "forbidden woman" today? (Proverbs 7:5ff).
3. How much pain would be spared if we avoided sexual immorality our entire lives? How are the appeals of the "forbidden woman" in Proverbs 7 similar to the appeals of pornography and sexual immorality today? How is the warning of the final verse of Proverbs 7 perhaps one of the most important warnings against sexual immorality?
4. If you need help, how do you decide who to call? Why do you think David starts Psalm 28 the way he does? What is your favorite verse in Psalm 28?
5. Have you ever known someone like this: "who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts" (Psalm 28:3)? Why do people act this way? How can you recognize them? Set up protective boundaries in your life against them? Pray for them? Show them God's love? When do you think it might be ok to pray like David for God's vengeance upon your enemies?
6. What do you think of this description of non-believers? Psalm 28:5 "they do not regard the works of the LORD or the work of his hands". How did you live this way before you were saved by God?
7. How has God grown your trust in Him through hard seasons of life? (Proverbs 28:7)
8. What did you think of the descriptions of the voice of the Lord in Proverbs 29? Why do you think we need these teachings and reminders of God's greatness?
9. How have you experienced God's rescue and healing in your life? (Psalm 30:1-2)
10. What is the importance of a King sitting on a throne? Why do you think we are told in Psalm 29:10 that "The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever."? How does this reality impact you?

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## **This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:**

Week 11: Psalm 31-33 ~ Proverbs 8:1-21

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** [remind.com/join/sfbcdevo](http://remind.com/join/sfbcdevo)
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“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5:20-21 ESV)  
- I’m only young once, I’m not hurting anyone, I deserve happiness, God will forgive me, My needs aren’t being met, I can stop anytime

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- Across ages 15-19 - 40% have had sex, 57% in 12th grade, 10% had four or more sexual partners (YRBS - CDC, 2017)
- Premarital Sex - Men (ages 20-44) – 90-91% report, Women (ages 15-44) – 88% (NSFG – CDC, 2015)

- Pornography
  - 55% of married men/70% of unmarried men watch porn monthly (2016)
  - Men Watch Monthly -79% age 18-30, 67% age 31-49, 49% age 50-68
  - Women Watch Monthly - 76% age 18-30, 16% age 31-49, 4% age 50-68
  - 57% of teens search out porn at least monthly (ages 13-17, 2016)
  - 64% of Christian men and 15% of Christian women view porn monthly; compared to 65%/30% non-Christian men/women. (2014 Barna)

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- Sexually Transmitted Infections - HPV 42% among adults age 18-59, 25% of all sexually active adolescents have had an STI
- Unplanned Pregnancies - 40% of all pregnancies worldwide, 50% of unplanned pregnancies ended in abortion
- About 1 in 3 women (36%) and 1 in 6 men (17%) experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime (NISVS Survey 2012, CDC)
- Marital satisfaction is highest in couples who have only had sex with their spouse.
- The more sexual partners in the past, the less satisfying your marriage.
- Living with your spouse before marriage increases the risk of divorce by 50%; Having a child together before marriage increases the risk of divorce as well.
- 7.1% of US Adults self-identify as LGBTQ+ (Gallup, 2021) was 3.5% in 2012
- Of Gen Z adults (born 1997-2012), 20.8% self-identify as LGBTQ+

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- “No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. [10] By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.” (1 John 3:9-10 ESV)
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- 6-7 years old: Child should know what “sex” is
- 8-10 years old: More comprehensive discussions
- Keep the conversation going