

## Week 6 – Questions to Consider

Psalm 16 ~ Psalm 17 ~ Psalm 18 ~ Proverbs 4

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

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

1. When you were scared as a child, who or where would you run to? Why? How do adults handle scary or intimidating situations? How does God want us to respond when we are overwhelmed?
2. What do you think David meant by “You are my Lord, I have no good apart from you” (Psalm 16:2)? How this connect with James 1:17? How does James 1:17 describe God? Why is it important to remember God’s blessing and character when you are in the midst of a difficult season?
3. When you think of God’s deliverance of you from Hell (Sheol), how is that the ultimate deliverance? Death is the #1 fear of mankind. How should Christians think and feel about their own future death?
4. What does Psalm 16:11 mean? How does God do that?
5. Why do we often try to take care of situations on our own and only seek God in prayer later on or when we’re more desperate for help?
6. In what was do Christians suffer today? What sort of enemies do we face in life? How might Psalm 17 teach us to pray about our enemies? Does that conflict or compliment what Jesus teaches us in Matthew 5:44, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”?
7. How does focusing on our future in Heaven (Psalm 17:15) help us endure and persevere in the midst of suffering or persecution?
8. What is your favorite verse of Psalm 18? Why?
9. Why should verse 6 amaze us?
10. What natural phenomenon does Psalm 18:7-8 seem to describe? Why does that feel like an appropriate description of God’s wrath?
11. What does it mean that the Lord “dealt with me according to my righteousness” (Ps 18:20,24) when we know we are saved by faith and not by works? (Galatians 2:16) How might this all connect with Revelation 20:12 when God tells us “the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done”?
12. Who poured godly wisdom into your life? What sayings or advice still stick with you today? Have you passed it on to others?
13. Do you have a favorite verse from Proverbs 4?

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## Delivered from Sheol (Death & Hell)

Psalm 16:10

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NT: Hades, Gehenna, Lake of Fire

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- *Out of Egypt* - Deuteronomy 4:20
- *The Fiery Furnace of Babylon* - Daniel 3:17-18, 3:25
- *The End Times - Hell* - Matthew 13:41-42, Daniel 12:1-2

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

Week 7: Psalm 19-21 & Proverbs 5

- **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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- *Out of Egypt* - Deuteronomy 4:20 “But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt”
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[18] But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

- Daniel 3:25 “He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”
- *The End Times - Hell* - Matthew 13:41–42 “The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42] and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”
- Daniel 12:1–2 “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. [2] And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”