Week 34– Questions to Consider

Psalm 99 ~ Psalm 100 ~ Psalm 101 ~ Proverbs 21:1-15

Small Group Warm Up Question:

Who is your favorite Christian podcast or preacher?

1. What does it take to make you "tremble" in fear? Why do you think Psalm 99 starts out the way it does?

2. What does it mean to be "holy"? Why do you think the phrase "Holy is He!" is repeated twice in Psalm 99?

3. Look at Psalm 99:6-7. How does it make you feel to know that God cared enough to speak to Moses, Aaron, and Samuel? How does it comfort you to hear that God is "a forgiving God" (Psalm 99:8)? How does it impact you to hear that God is "an avenger of their wrongdoings"?

4. How can you tell if someone enjoys their job? Do you enjoy your job? Does it show? In a similar way, we are called to "serve the Lord with gladness!" (Psalm 100:1). Do you serve the Lord? How? With gladness? Can others tell? How is God convicting, challenging, or encouraging you?

5. Carefully read the 5 verses of Psalm 100. What stands out to you? Impacts you? Why?

6. When you meet with God ("come into His presence"), how often do you combine it "with singing"? (Psalm 100:1) How might you better integrate worshipful singing into your day-to-day and devotional life? How do you think an increased practice of singing to God will affect you?

7. What does it mean to "ponder the way that is blameless"? (Psalm 101:2) Why is that important and helpful?

8. Do you think it is easier to "walk with integrity of heart" (Psalm 101:2) within your house or your workplace? What sorts of particular temptations do we face in specific settings? Around certain people? 9. Read Psalm 101:3-4. What are some examples of things that we put in front our eyes that are "worthless"? What does it mean that we should "hate the work" of the lost? Why would it be helpful to be ignorant of evil and far away from perversity? What practical steps have you found helpful to take these steps in your own life? 10.How does it comfort you to know that the Lord can control the way of a king? (Proverbs 21:1)

11. What do you think about Proverbs 21:2? How have you seen that play out in your own life?

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[2]... I will walk with integrity of heart within my house;[7] No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house;

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4. Will You Guard Your Eyes & Mind from T<u>rash</u>?

[3] I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.

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- Hope & Purpose in Jesus: <u>www.southfork.church/jesus</u>
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