
Small Group Questions

Accountability (*ask one*)

Inviting people to Know Christ - Are you learning to be intentional about sharing Jesus with neighbors? Are you praying for a 3:1:M friend? How are they doing? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

Keeping connected to Christ - Are you building an interactive relationship with God? In your private prayer and devotional time, what are you learning or experiencing? How are you Knowing Christ in worship? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

Moving to serve with Christ - Are you showing up? How are you making community and teamwork important to your life? How's your commitment to small group and worship going? Are you your gifts to serve the Community surrounding us?

Open / Scripture

1. Do you like your job? Why or why not? Would you keep it if you inherited a million dollars?

Observation

1. As you read this passage (Psalm 103) what verse, phrase, or picture jumps out at you, causes you to celebrate, raises questions, or clarifies something?
2. Who does David address in verses 1-5? How has he benefited from God's favor?
3. Why does he say the eagle's youth is renewed (v. 5)? How does God renew our youth?
4. To where does the focus shift in verses 6-14? What "ways" were made known to Moses and Israel? Is a loving and forgiving God known only from the New Testament (v. 8; Exodus 34:6-7)?
5. Which word picture of forgiveness do you like best (v. 11-13)?
6. Why does God bother with such temporary beings as humans? What seems to be most important: personal soul or impersonal principles (vv. 17-18)? Is God "talking to himself" somehow?
7. What is the focus of verses 19-22? What takes "center stage": God's will or God's creation? What do you think of the last line?
8. Like other ancient Jews, David believed prosperity to be a sign of God's favor and illness a sign of personal sin. Do you think healing is a sign of forgiveness? Is disease a result of unconfessed sin? Why or why not?

Apply

1. Which to you tend to be: a complainer or a praiser? Satisfied or dissatisfied? Why? Has affliction made you positive or negative? Why?
2. Does your experience with your father or mother resemble the picture of God in verse 13? Does this image of God help you? Can God's knowing how you are formed comfort you (v. 14)?
3. When have you experienced God's grace first hand?
4. Whom do you treat as he or she deserves? What would it mean to bring God's grace into that situation?

Prayer

1. Who can you bless with this information?
2. What do you need to discuss with your life group?
3. What can we pray with you about? (What does the Spirit need to heal? What does the Spirit need to embolden?)