



Rivertree Lake Bible Recap
Breakout Group Discussion Questions
Week 18

Day 120 Ps 102-104
Day 121 2 Sam 5
Day 122 Ps 133
Day 123 Ps 106-107
Day 124 1 Ch 12-16
Day 125 Ps 1-2, 15,22-24, 47,68
Day 126 Ps 89,96, 100-101, 105,
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Open the breakout group discussion in prayer (see back)

Questions

1. What were some things you learned this week?
2. In what area of his life does David seek God's direction? In what area of his life does David not seek God's direction and ignore His commands? In what ways do we tend to live similarly? Are there any areas of your life where you don't seek God's guidance?
3. First Chronicles 12:18, 33, and 38 reiterate that David's men had a singleness of purpose and all Israel was of a single mind to make David king. Given the division that existed during and after the reign of Saul, what do you think contributed to this new unity of the nation of Israel?
4. One of God's forms of discipline or punishment in Psalm 107:40 is to make people wander in trackless wastes. This creates a challenge for the helpless wanderer who has no path to follow and no idea how to move forward. In general, what kind of guidance does God offer His people? Is He making a way and showing them where to go, or is He leaving them to their own devices without a clear path? In what areas are you tempted to abandon His path to wander in your own wasteland?
5. The Philistines transported the ark on an oxcart, and David flows suit. During David's attempt, Uzzah touches the ark and dies. Hypothetically speaking, if the Philistines had to personally position the ark on the oxcart, why aren't they held to the same standards of obedience as the Israelites? Would that display God's mercy to the Philistines, His discipline to Israel, or both?
6. Given the fact that psalms were once referenced by their first line, has your view of why Jesus quoted Psalm 22:1 on the cross changed your perspective of what happened there between the Father and the Son? Why or why not? Has it impacted the way you relate to the Father or the Son?
7. What are some green pastures and still waters God has brought you to lately? How has He nourished you and refreshed your soul? Did you resist it at first? Did He have to "make you" lie down?
8. Has it been challenging or encouraging (or both) to look at the Psalms with a lens to understand which parts are sharing facts about God and which parts are sharing feelings about God in light of the psalmist's circumstances? Is it hard for you to do this in your own life?

9. Is it comforting or frustrating to you that the psalmists' emotions are recorded in Scripture?

10. What is your favorite thing you read about God's character in your God shots from this week?

Opening Prayer Suggestions:

- God, give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- God, let any knowledge we gain serve to help us love You and others more, and not puff us up.
- God, help us see something new about You we've never seen before.
- God, correct any lies we believe about You or any misunderstandings we have
- God, direct our steps according to Your Word.

Closing Prayer Suggestions

- Ask your group for specific prayer requests and pray over them
- Thank God for His Character traits discussed in the God Shots this week (Our Shepherd, Our Provider, Our Comforter)
- Ask God to help each of us grow as Disciples of Jesus by studying the Bible



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Week 19

Day 127 2 Sam 6-7, 1 Ch 17
Day 128 Ps 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
Day 129 2 Sam 8-9, 1 Ch 18
Day 130 Ps 50, 53, 60, 75
Day 131 2 Sam 10, 1 Ch 19, Ps 20
Day 132 Ps 65-67, 69-70
Day 133 2 Sam 11-12, 1 Ch 20

Open the breakout group discussion in prayer (see back)

Questions

1. What were some things you learned this week?
2. What can we learn from the fact that even David's good desire gets a no from God?
3. How does God's response supersede David's request?
4. Psalm 25 tells us that God instructs the humble. Why is humility a necessary trait for a learner to possess? How can a person learn humility if they don't possess it?
5. Think of all the ways the story of David and Mephibosheth mirrors our story with Christ. What does Mephibosheth have to offer David? What does David have to offer Mephibosheth? Who seeks out whom? What other things come to mind here that point us to the story of God and His people?
6. Read Psalm 75:1 aloud. One by one, recount one of God's wonderful deeds to you personally from the past week.
7. Read Psalm 20:4 aloud. We've all asked God for things that we're grateful He answered with a no. How does remembering those instances help us rightly view verses like this?
8. Despite God's unique covenant with the nation-state of Israel, He's already showing us that He has plans to save people from among every nation, and He's planting that desire in the hearts of His people. Read Psalm 67 aloud. What nations or people has God given you a heart to see Him save? Who do you hope comes to know and praise Him?
9. Was it hard to see David sin on so many levels? Why do we often want to make heroes out of humans in Scripture? Why is it important for us not to do that?
10. Some people believe those in the Old Testament were saved by works and sacrifices. But this week, we saw a lot of Scripture pointing to God's plan to redeem people through the work of Christ. We saw it in Psalm 50 where God says sacrifices aren't sufficient; He's after their hearts. We saw it in Psalm 65:3, where David says God atones for his sins. How do these passages in the Old Testament show a through line of grace and the provision of Christ's death even for those who lived before He was born on earth as a human?
11. What is your favorite thing you read about God's character in your God shots from this week?

Opening Prayer Suggestions:

- God, give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- God, let any knowledge we gain serve to help us love You and others more, and not puff us up.
- God, help us see something new about You we've never seen before.
- God, correct any lies we believe about You or any misunderstandings we have
- God, direct our steps according to Your Word.

Closing Prayer Suggestions

- Ask your group for specific prayer requests and pray over them
- Thank God for His Character traits discussed in the God Shots this week (Sovereignty, knowing what is best for us, Fatherly Love)
- Ask God to help each of us grow as Disciples of Jesus by studying the Bible



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Week 20

Day 134 Ps 32, 51, 86, 122
Day 135 2 Sam 13-15
Day 136 Ps 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55
Day 137 2 Sam 16-18
Day 138 Ps 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64
Day 139 2 Sam 19-21
Day 140 Ps 5, 38, 41-42

Open the breakout group discussion in prayer (see back)

Questions

1. What were some things you learned this week?
2. In Psalm 32, David expresses the weight of carrying around his unconfessed sins and walking in unrepentance. Even though God put away his sin and it was paid for by Jesus on the cross, he still finds freedom in confession and encourages others to confess their sins too. What formal or informal practices of reflection, confession, and repentance do you have in place in your life?
3. David's kingdom begins to fracture as his sons repeat his sin patterns. What are some ways we can respond righteously and wickedly to the consequences of our sins? How can experiencing the consequences of our sins serve as God's tool to sanctify us and point us toward righteousness?
4. As David prays for God to bless and sustain him, he also prays for God to thwart his enemies. What determines whether prayers like this are righteous and godly or arrogant and selfish? If David's enemies are praying the same prayers, how does God determine who gets a yes and who gets a no?
5. Read Psalm 40:1-3 aloud. What spiritual discipline is represented in this passage? Read Psalm 40:9-10 aloud. What different spiritual discipline is represented in this passage? Which one of these spiritual disciplines do you struggle with the most?
6. David pardons Shimei, and he makes a peaceful resolution between Ziba and Mephibosheth even though Ziba deliberately lied to him. Are his actions simply a diplomatic move as a king who is trying to stabilize his kingdom? Or are they motivated by a pure heart? Try to discuss the situation through each possible lens.
7. What does God's response to Saul's sins reveal about the way He relates to Israel as a whole? Is this how He always acts? Or is this because of His unique covenant relationship with Israel?
8. Read Psalm 5:4-7 aloud. Which of the evil actions described pertain to David? Why does he have such confidence that he can draw near to God?
9. In Psalm 38, David has lots of troubles—physical, emotional, spiritual, relational—yet he asks for God's nearness above and beyond all other rescue. Why do you think that is his chief request?

10. What is your favorite thing you read about God's character in your God shots from this week?

Opening Prayer Suggestions:

- God, give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- God, let any knowledge we gain serve to help us love You and others more, and not puff us up.
- God, help us see something new about You we've never seen before.
- God, correct any lies we believe about You or any misunderstandings we have
- God, direct our steps according to Your Word.

Closing Prayer Suggestions

- Ask your group for specific prayer requests and pray over them
- Thank God for His Character traits discussed in the God Shots this week (forgiveness, closeness, mercy, grace, love)
- Ask God to help each of us grow as Disciples of Jesus by studying the Bible



Rivertree Lake Bible Recap Breakout Group Discussion Questions Week 21

Open the breakout group discussion in prayer (see back)

Questions

1. What were some things you learned this week?
2. David makes some shocking claims about his righteousness in his song in 2 Samuel 22:21-25. What do you think he's trying to accomplish? Is he trying to keep up appearances in front of the people? Does he think God has forgotten? Or is he pointing to something else altogether?
3. Read Psalm 97:10 and Psalm 99:8 aloud. How do these two verses illustrate the same ideas? Do these ideas feel at odds to you, or do they feel like they complement each other?
4. Scripture tells us that both God and Satan incited David to take the census (2 Samuel 24:1 and 1 Chronicles 21:1). How could these two passages work together?
5. For the king to take a census when God commands it is obedience, but for the king to take a census when God doesn't command it is sinful. What are some areas of life where you want to take the liberty to "take your own census" after He has set up boundaries?
6. Assuming the Angel of the Lord *is* the preincarnate Jesus, is it challenging to think of Him fulfilling the Father's assignment in 1 Chronicles 21:14-16? Why or why not?
7. The Levites are assigned their roles in the temple *not* on the basis of their passions or giftings but based on their genealogies. For much of history this has been the case—for people to follow in the career path set by their ancestors; only in recent years have we become more individualized. It's easy for us to see how God can work in our individual stories since that's our cultural perspective, but how can you see God at work in the story of these family occupations? How are His character and plan revealed through that process?
8. Read Psalm 138:8 aloud. Where do you like to put the emphasis in this verse? Why is that particular emphasis most meaningful to you?
9. Read Psalm 139:16 aloud. Does it feel comforting or threatening to think of God having all your days written before you even existed? Why?
10. Solomon is the son of David and Bathsheba, whose relationship is marred by sin upon sin. What does it reveal about God that He chooses Solomon to be Israel's king and His temple-builder?

Day 141 2 Sam 22-23, Ps 57
Day 142 Ps 95, 97-99
Day 143 2 Sam 24, 1 Ch 21-22, Ps 30
Day 144 Ps 108-110
Day 145 1 Ch 23-25
Day 146 Ps 131, 138-139, 143-145
Day 147 1 Ch 26-29, Ps 127

11. What is your favorite thing you read about God's character in your God shots from this week?

Opening Prayer Suggestions:

- God, give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- God, let any knowledge we gain serve to help us love You and others more, and not puff us up.
- God, help us see something new about You we've never seen before.
- God, correct any lies we believe about You or any misunderstandings we have
- God, direct our steps according to Your Word.

Closing Prayer Suggestions

- Ask your group for specific prayer requests and pray over them
- Thank God for His Character traits discussed in the God Shots this week (power, sovereignty, mercy, grace, love)
- Ask God to help each of us grow as Disciples of Jesus by studying the Bible



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Week 22

Open the breakout group discussion in prayer (see back)

Questions

1. What were some things you learned this week?
2. Read Psalm 115:3 and Psalm 15:16 aloud. Does verse 16 mean God isn't active on earth? Or does it mean something different? How can these two verses work together?
3. Knowing David died with murder or revenge on his heart, but that Scripture includes him in the Hall of Faith, what does this reveal about God and His relationship with His kids? Do you find that frustrating, encouraging, or confusing? Why?
4. Read Psalm 37:4 aloud. What are some ways this verse could be interpreted apart from the commonly accepted view? What are some potential dangers of misunderstanding or misapplying this verse?
5. Read Psalm 119:71 and 119:75 aloud. Have you ever praised God for your afflictions? How has He used them to grow you, teach you, and bless you?
6. Which aspect of God's Word do you tend to rely on most—the "lamp" aspect for the specific guidance of your daily steps, or the "light" aspect for wider, general guidance? How can you lean into using God's Word more for the one you're less inclined toward?
7. Read 1 Kings 3:13 aloud, then read Deuteronomy 17:16-17 aloud. Why would God give Solomon something He has told kings not to accumulate? Does anything else in the context of 1 Kings 3 reveal why Solomon might be able to handle this gift well?
8. Do you view the Song of Solomon more as a story about human love or as an allegory about God's love for His people? Why?
9. Read Proverbs 3:5-7 aloud. Can you think of a time when following God meant going against your desires or your natural instincts? Which path did you choose? In retrospect, how do you feel about that decision?
10. What is your favorite thing you read about God's character in your God shots from this week?

Day 148 Ps 111-118

Day 149 1 Kgs 1-2, Ps 37, 71, 94

Day 150 Ps 119

Day 151 1 Kgs 3-4

Day 152 2 Ch 1, Ps 72

Day 153 Song 1-8

Day 154 Prov 1-3

Opening Prayer Suggestions:

- God, give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- God, let any knowledge we gain serve to help us love You and others more, and not puff us up.
- God, help us see something new about You we've never seen before.
- God, correct any lies we believe about You or any misunderstandings we have
- God, direct our steps according to Your Word.

Closing Prayer Suggestions

- Ask your group for specific prayer requests and pray over them
- Thank God for His Character traits discussed in the God Shots this week (Power, sovereignty, mercy, grace, love)
- Thank God for the intimate way He loves us
- Ask God to help each of us grow as Disciples of Jesus by studying the Bible



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Week 23

Day 155 Prov 4-6
Day 156 Prov 7-9
Day 157 Prov 10-12
Day 158 Prov 13-15
Day 159 Prov 16-18
Day 160 Prov 19-21
Day 161 Prov 22-24

Open the breakout group discussion in prayer (see back)

Questions

1. What were some things you learned this week?
2. Is it challenging to read the book of Proverbs through the lens of it being wisdom literature instead of promises or prophecies? Why or why not? And if so, how?
3. Read Proverbs 8:13 aloud What kinds of evil are especially easy for you to hate? What kinds of evil are hard for you to hate? Why?
4. The book of Proverbs has a lot to say about what we say. It addresses those of us who speak up at the wrong times or in the wrong ways *and* those of us who don't speak up when we should. Which area do you struggle with most? Was there a particular verse that stood out to you this week that pertains to our words?
5. Proverbs praises the wise and encourages us to seek wise counsel and wise friends. Who is the wisest person you know? In what areas or ways do they demonstrate wisdom? What do you admire most about them?
6. Many of the proverbs talk about the wisdom of being slow to anger and not being quarrelsome in general. What are some things worth being angry over and worth fighting against? How does Scripture point to the wisdom of those things? Can you think of a time when Scripture records God demonstrating anger? What was God angry about?
7. Read Proverbs 24:3-4 aloud. Which of these do you want to see God increase in you the most: wisdom, understanding, or knowledge?
8. Throughout all of this week's chapters, Solomon listed several things that the wise avoid. Which is a struggle for you to avoid? Which can you thank God for helping you overcome?
9. What is your favorite thing you read about God's character in your God shots from this week?

Opening Prayer Suggestions:

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- God, help us see something new about You we've never seen before.
- God, correct any lies we believe about You or any misunderstandings we have
- God, direct our steps according to Your Word.

Closing Prayer Suggestions

- Ask your group for specific prayer requests and pray over them
- Thank God for His Character traits discussed in the God Shots this week (Power, sovereignty, mercy, grace, love)
- Thank God for His wisdom and knowledge
- Ask God to help each of us grow as Disciples of Jesus by studying the Bible



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Week 24

Open the breakout group discussion in prayer (see back)

Questions

1. What were some things you learned this week?
2. Has studying the temple and its significance impacted the way you view the phrase “my body is a temple”? What are some common misunderstandings about this phrase?
3. Read 1 Kings 8:41-43 aloud. In the ancient Near East, each nation has their own god or gods. In their view, crossing a border means crossing into the territory of a different god’s reign. Knowing that, why do you think Solomon prays for other nations to know YHWH?
4. God’s presence is so intense that people can’t touch or directly look at the ark of the covenant, and so thick in the temple that priests fall down to worship. Despite all that, they *want* to be near God and go to great lengths to build a temple for Him to dwell in. Have you ever felt God’s presence at work in you in a powerful way?
5. Why is it important to remember who God is speaking to when He makes promises like the one in 2 Chronicles 7:14? What can go wrong when we misapply God’s promises?
6. Instead of aiming to apply a promise for ourselves that isn’t specifically for us, we can aim to learn something about God and His character from those verses. What can we learn about God’s character from 2 Chronicles 7:14?
7. Read Psalm 150:2 aloud. This verse praises God for His “mighty deeds” and His “excellent greatness.” The first focuses on what He does, and the second focuses on who He is. How are those two things different, and why is that important?
8. Not all pagans hate or oppose Solomon. His wisdom and ambition earn him the favor of foreign rulers who oppose YHWH (like King Hiram of Tyre and the queen of Sheba), but his desire to keep peace leads him to cross the line of wisdom and righteousness through his marriage alliance with the pagan daughter of the Egyptian pharaoh. What’s one area of your life where people-pleasing or peacekeeping tempts you to cross a boundary into unrighteousness?
9. When Solomon gives wisdom that seems to be contradictory (Proverbs 26:4-5), what is he revealing about life and wisdom?
10. What is your favorite thing you read about God’s character in your God shots from this week?

Day 162 1 Kgs 5-6, 2 Ch 2-3

Day 163 1 Kgs 7, 2 Ch 4

Day 164 1 Kgs 8, 2 Ch 5

Day 165 2 Ch 6-7, Ps 136

Day 166 Ps 134, 146-150

Day 167 1 Kgs 9, 2 Ch 8

Day 168 Prov 25-26

Opening Prayer Suggestions:

- God, give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- God, let any knowledge we gain serve to help us love You and others more, and not puff us up.
- God, help us see something new about You we've never seen before.
- God, correct any lies we believe about You or any misunderstandings we have
- God, direct our steps according to Your Word.

Closing Prayer Suggestions

- Ask your group for specific prayer requests and pray over them
- Thank God for His Character traits discussed in the God Shots this week (Power, sovereignty, mercy, grace, love)
- Holy Spirit, give us wisdom
- Ask God to help each of us grow as Disciples of Jesus by studying the Bible



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Week 25

Open the breakout group discussion in prayer (see back)

Questions

1. What were some things you learned this week?
2. Read Proverbs 28:5 aloud. This verse frees us from trying to be understood by those who don't love God. What's something you thought was foolish before you started following Jesus but now see as wise and good?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:4 aloud. Do you agree with the preacher's summary here? Why or why not? How have you seen the vanity of comparison stealing your focus from the eternal things God has called us to focus on?
4. What did you think of the preacher's experiment in Ecclesiastes? Did any of his conclusions surprise you?
5. Despite having all the blessings of wealth and power, Solomon still makes sacrifices to gods besides YHWH. These pagan sacrifices are generally offered in hopes of getting *more*. Have you ever seen syncretism creep into your own life? What other "sources of spiritual power" (astrology, psychics, mantras, manifestation, etc.) have you been tempted to look to for help?
6. Has your view of Proverbs 31 changed at all over the course of our study? If so, how?
7. After King Rehoboam's older, trusted advisors tell him to be kind to his servants, he goes to his friends to ask for their advice, and they tell him to dial up his oppressive rule. What does it reveal about King Rehoboam that he seeks and follows the counsel of his friends instead?
8. Read 1 Kings 12:15 aloud. What role is God playing in what happens with King Rehoboam and his advisors? Why?
9. King Jeroboam's fears lead him to control and idolatry as he tries to duplicate God's temple in the northern kingdom. What would have been an appropriate response to his scenario and fear?
10. Based on what you've seen from both kingdoms so far—the Northern Kingdom of Israel with King Jeroboam and the Southern Kingdom of Judah with King Rehoboam—which kingdom would you prefer to live in and why? In this division, which kingdom do you think God will show more favor and mercy?

Day 169 Prov 27-29
Day 170 Ecc 1-6
Day 171 Ecc 7-12
Day 172 1 Kgs 10-1, 2 Ch 9
Day 173 Prov 30-31
Day 174 1 Kgs 12-14
Day 175 2 Ch 10-12

11. What is your favorite thing you read about God's character in your God shots from this week?

Opening Prayer Suggestions:

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- God, help us see something new about You we've never seen before.
- God, correct any lies we believe about You or any misunderstandings we have
- God, direct our steps according to Your Word.

Closing Prayer Suggestions

- Ask your group for specific prayer requests and pray over them
- Thank God for His Character traits discussed in the God Shots this week (Power, sovereignty, mercy, grace, love)
- Ask God to help each of us grow as Disciples of Jesus by studying the Bible