

SONGS OF ASCENT

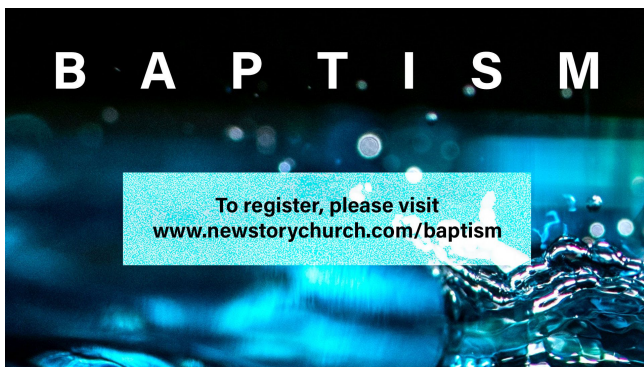


SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Series: Songs of Ascent: Discipleship in a Changing World
Psalm 127

Part 7 – Provisions, Protection & Parenting
Pastor Tom Kang

- 1) Ice Breaker: What are the things that occupy your thoughts the most these days? Be honest. Next imagine a world where the topics of provisions, protection and parenting were never an issue ... describe that world.
- 2) Psalm 127 is the only Song of Ascent written by King Solomon. Read the following glimpse of Solomon's life in 1 Kings 3. Though this is only a snapshot of the man, what can you make of the author of this week's Psalm?
- 3) Read Psalm 127 aloud and share an observation that stood out to you the most. Next discuss why you think of all the thematic songs that could've been chosen, why God would include this particular one in His "Road Trip Playlist" for His people.
- 4) The psalmist considers two specific examples of God's providence. What are they and how do they encourage you?
- 5) How might the topic of "parenting" be a life-long illustration and display of God's own provisions and protection towards you?
- 6) What do you suppose God's Word says about "stewardship" in this passage?
- 7) Share your thoughts on this quote from Old Testament scholar, Derek Kidner:
*"God's gifts are as unpretentious as they are miraculous ... Nothing is said of monetary wealth or of position: an upstanding family is wealth enough and honour enough.
And it is not untypical of God's gifts that first they are liabilities, or at least responsibilities, before they become obvious assets. The greater their promise, the more likely that these children will be a handful before they are a quiverful."*
- 8) How does this psalm resonate with you personally? Take time to pray for each other.



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