



Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of January 9-10, 2021

Please don't feel you have to answer every question.

Seeing God Alan Kraft, Lead Pastor

Icebreaker

Describe a picture or object that you have in your home that has special meaning for you.

What thoughts, memories, or emotions come to mind for you when you look at it.

Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Psalm 27:1-4 two or three times, in different Bible translations if possible.

What words, phrases, or insights stand out to you from these verses, or create some intrigue for you?

How does verse 4 relate to the verses immediately preceding it?

If you could summarize your primary take-away of Pastor Alan's message in one sentence, what would it be and why? Or what stood out to you the most?

What does spending time with God in the midst of life look like for you these days?

How much of that time would you describe as "doing" and how much is "being?"

What is David's motivation for spending time with God? How do your motivations compare?

In verse 4 we see David's one thing in his relationship with God: *"to gaze on the beauty of the Lord."*

What kind of "gazing" is David referring to?

How does a person gaze on the Lord?

Pastor Alan described what David is doing as "Biblical imaging".

How would you explain what Biblical imaging is? In answering, look at Ephesians 1:18, Hebrews 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18.

At the end of the message, Pastor Alan led us in an exercise to practice Biblical imagery with Psalm 23.

What was that experience like for you?

Using our mind's capacity to envision biblical realities is something Christians have used for centuries (stained glass windows, art, etc.), but within the last few hundred years has been viewed by many Christians with suspicion. Why do you think that is?

How do we distinguish this from New Age practices?

What are some of the ways you instinctively use imaging/envisioning in your everyday life for everyday tasks?

In what specific ways does this capacity benefit you?

What might it look like for you to incorporate this into your time with God?

What questions or concerns do you have about doing this?

What did you most need to be reminded of or engage with from this week's message and group discussion, and what's the next step for you in putting it into practice?

Conclude by praying for one another in applying this week's discussion and Spirit-promptings, as well as for general needs and concerns.

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