

Sermon Discussion Questions

Raising Awareness – Matt Slocum

14 May 2023 (Mother's Day)

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:5-9, 16-18

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

In this week's message, **Mama Says**, Pastor Matt explores three phrases his own mom used to encourage him when facing trying times. Each one is rooted in scripture and is a reminder of God's love for us. We will be discussing what love like God is, what He is saying over us, and how He delights in us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to sit and listen for God's voice and see how He wants to work in your life. Did you hear His voice? If so, please share if you are able.

2. Is there something that really stood out to you from the message this week?

3. Pastor Matt shared three things his mother said to him when life was too much and when facing trying times. The first one was,
 - 1) **This is temporary.** Can you think of trying times you've had in your life? At the time, did those situations seem like they were going to last forever? How do you respond to what Matt shared when he said, "This is temporary"?

What does the Bible have to say about it?

4. The second thing was,
 - 2) **God will make this up to you.** Matt shared about the incredible team(s) at NWC but asked what we do when we are not part of a team? What do we do when we are alone? How do we handle the times when we are the only ones who really, truly understand and feel the pressure? What do we do when we are in those places?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is something special about your mom?
2. What is the best Mother's Day gift you gave or received?
3. When you smell a fresh summer rain, what does it make you think of?

5. Finally,

- 3) **The Lord is pleased.** Read Zephaniah 3:17, *“The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing.”*

Are you able to picture God taking delight in you? Are you able to picture that He actually rejoices over you with singing?

How does that make you feel?

APPLICATION

Take some time this week to just sit and be still in the Lord’s presence. Recognized that He is pleased with you and that He is rejoicing over you. As you are still, listen to the song He is singing over you. Let that fill you and wash over you this week.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Care Portal Training, 20 May, 8:30-10:00am, The Building, 7102 N Prospect Ave, KC, MO 64119

Youth Summer Camp, 19-24 June, Eagle Sky Camp, Piedmont, MO. Cost is \$525. See website for more details and to register.

New Wine Kids Camp at PowerPlay, 12-14 July, 10 am to 2 pm. Ages 4 through 5th grade. Cost is \$75. See website for more details and to register.

FINAL THOUGHT

“God walks ‘slowly’ because he is love. If he is not love, he would have gone much faster. Love has its speed. It is an inner speed. It is a spiritual speed. It is a different kind of speed from the technological speed to which we are accustomed. It is ‘slow’”
- Kosuke Koyama