



Life Group Guide

A GUIDE FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY



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VIDEOS

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH | SESSION 4

CHAPTER 4: GOD PROVIDES

KEY TOPICS: *DOCTRINE OF PROVIDENCE | PROVISION VIA CREATION | VIA ANGELS | THEODICY*

READING & RESOURCES

Read before Life Group

- Kolb - Chapter 4, "God Provides"

Read at Life Group

- Scripture Reading: Psalm 104; Colossians 1:15-23

Additional Sources

- <http://cyclopedia.lcms.org/display.asp?t1=P&word=PROVIDENCE>
- <HTTPS://WWW.CSLEWIS.COM/THE-PROBLEM-OF-PAIN/>

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Name a time you learned the difference between needs and wants.
2. What are some reasons Kolb gives for the presence of evil and God's purpose in it?
3. There are two other another attributes of God which are usually left out of theodicy discussion: God's Omniscience and Wisdom. How might these attributes help our understanding of the problem of evil?
4. From the video discussion, how would you have reacted in Job's place? What does God not addressing the specifics of what happened to Job but simply told of His nature as God inform you about the tough parts of your life?
5. What are your thoughts on God providing through angels and miracles? If you are comfortable, share a story of the unexplainable from your life.
6. God provides for us despite things not always working out in our lives, at least the way we think they should. Compare your level of patience to God's (2 Peter 3). How does an eternal perspective help you as you think about your life issues?
7. As we get older, we often spend more and more time in negativity. An antidote for that is thankfulness of God's providence in our lives. Make a list as a group of things you are thankful for. Try to find all the things you take for granted.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

LIFE APPLICATION

God has provided everything you have. In the coming weeks, intentionally give away some of your time, talents, and treasures for his kingdom that you normally don't. In other words, if you normally give your time to ministry but hold on tight to your finances then increase your tithe. If you normally give your money away but don't serve, find a hour or two a week to give to others. If you have a talent you are paid for donate your skills to the church or a non-profit.