

Worshipping & Walking Wisdom

(Insights from Exodus 15:1-27)

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Wisdom on Worship: (Exodus 15:1-21)

1. A Responding To ...

(Exodus 15:4-12, Exodus 15:13-18, Joshua 2:10)

- **Worship includes ...**

2. A Responding To ...

(Exodus 15:1-5, Exodus 15:6-18)

- **Worship includes ...**

3. A Responding To ...

(Exodus 15:1-12, Exodus 15:13-18, Joshua 2:10)

Wisdom on Walking: (Exodus 15:22-27)

(Ephesians 2:8-9, Colossians 2:6-7)

1. Sanctification is not ...

(1 Timothy 4:8-10, Romans 8:28-29, Hebrews 5:8-9, Romans 5:1-4)

2. Deliverances are often followed by ...

(Exodus 15:22-23)

3. Three F's are often followed by feeling ...

(Exodus 15:24-26)

- don't take it ...
- don't take it ...
- take it ...

4. Marah is not ...

(Exodus 15:27)

This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to "Week 5" of this season of our small groups at GPC! Our small groups are where folks move from 'believers' to 'belongers'. May we receive lots of encouragement and support and deepening friendships in the weeks ahead as we meet together, pray together, and study God's Word together. Our groups meet for nine months throughout the year. These nine months are broken up in three seasons or quarters. We meet from September - November, take December off, meet again from January - March, and then from April - June. After we take July and August off, we start it all over again :). This quarter our groups will meet for 13 weeks wrapping up the week of April 9th (the week before our Easter Celebration).

Getting Started:

In the first part of Exodus 15, the Israelites responded to their freedom by singing. Speaking of singing, what is one or more of your favorite songs? What genre and/or decade is your favorite to listen to in the car? If we had a Karaoke night at GPC, what would be your song of choice?

In the last part of Exodus 15, the people grumbled against Moses after three days in the desert even though it was clear that God was the one who led them out there. Moses already did a bunch for them and yet they still were a bit gripy when they got thirsty. We have all felt unappreciated even after we have tried to help others. What has been helpful to you when you have felt unappreciated? What are some specific things to remember and/or choose to do or not do the next time we are the target of someone's negativity? What are some things we can remember the next time we are tempted to be gripy?

Looking back over the message outline, what was an insight or verse that encouraged you or you would like to discuss more with our group?

Digging Deeper:

1. This past Sunday, we looked at some insights about worshipping God and walking with God. Although Bob focused on one expression of worship which is singing, worship is more about surrendering and offering our devotion to God in a variety of ways. Read Romans 12:1. Based on this verse, what are some examples of worship you are aware of that you or others have done recently?

When Jesus was asked about worship in John 4, he briefly shared how we are to worship. Read John 4:24. Jesus wants us to worship with our heart and head. How can his brief summary of how to worship help us as we worship individually and together at GPC?

2. In 1 Chronicles 16:7-36, King David gives instructions to the worship leaders of Israel on how to worship and why we worship. Read the passage and share some insights you see about the how and why of worship.

What stands out to you the most about worship from this passage?

If our God is 'good' and his 'love endures forever' (v34), why would 'fear and trembling' before him be appropriate (v25 and v30)?

3. As the Israelites walked with God and things got difficult for them, they praised God for the Red Sea past experience that cemented their freedom from the Egyptians, and the Promised Land in their future. As Christ followers, when we are in tough times we can praise God for the cross of Christ in the past and the Kingdom of God in the future. How do you see these truths about the Red Sea and the Promised Land and the cross and promises God made about our future reinforced in the passages below? How can these passages be of help to someone going through a difficult time?

Habakkuk 3:16-19, 1 Peter 1:3-9

4. During the Last Supper, Jesus was aware of how difficult the next few days would be for his disciples as they struggled with fear, doubt and anxiety. He spent most of this last conversation with them before his death preparing them for the challenges to come. In the following passages from that dinner conversation, write down the statements and promises Jesus makes that could provide us with comfort and encouragement to praise and worship as we face challenging times.

John 14:1-3, John 14:15-20, John 14:27, John 15:9-11

Which of Jesus' statements is most helpful to you as you face difficult circumstances in your life?

WRAPPING UP ...

Based on last Sunday's message and our discussion, is there any specific application that God might be prompting you to live out this week?

What prayer requests can we share so we can pray for each other before we close?