

Review:

Lesson 1: Praise God

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Wisdom for the Godly

Psalm 37:1-40

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways _____, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Discussion 1. In which area of your life (or under what circumstances) are you most likely to lean on your own understanding rather than trust in the Lord? Why are we all so prone to this? What spiritual disciplines might help us do better with this?

Though it takes a long view to see it clearly, God ordered the universe to favor those who are seeking after Him and to bring about the destruction of those who torment and oppress the _____.

Discussion 2. What are some ways God's justice is different from our sense of justice? Can you think of ways that our own small sense of justice could actually lead us astray in terms of following God?

The rewards for following God's ways are first and foremost spiritual. Even if those rewards have emotional or material components to them, those things pale in comparison to the _____.

Discussion 3. What is the danger of measuring the rewards for following Jesus in terms of material wealth? Can you think of any examples of "spiritual rewards" for following Jesus?

As Christ followers, God is our only (and best) hope. If we seek refuge in Him, He will rescue us, _____ us, _____ us, and _____ us.

Discussion 4. If you wanted to determine where somebody's hope lies, what evidence would you look to? What about for you? To the outsider, where does the evidence say your hope lies?