

Waverley Church  
Sunday, July 12

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**Receive God's Word**

Psalm 16

Sermon: *Summer in the Psalms - Psalm 16*  
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**Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some different ways that we display confidence? Also what are some things in which we place our confidence?
2. David says that he only has good in God, how and why can he say this with confidence?
3. What is it about the church that is to be God's good for us? What is it about association with this world that is going to be bad for us?
4. Why is it far better that we seek after Christ, the giver than only his gifts?
5. With so much pain and fear regarding death, why can a Christian not fear physical or spiritual death?
6. How will you pursue the confidence that David proclaims in v. 9-11?

**Prayer Suggestions:**

- Pray that we as God's people will declare that Christ is our Lord and that we have no good outside of Him.
- Pray that we would yearn for fellowship with God's people and seek that God would return us to gathering in person.
- Pray that we would find our joy in Christ as our portion.
- Ask God to help us overcome our fears, hesitations and distractions that can keep us from our joy.

Questions for a younger audience

*Please note that these questions are meant to guide parents in some possible ways to break down more complex concepts and issues in ways that children may understand more easily. It is always best if parents cater the question/activities to the particular needs of their children.*

*For assistance or suggestions regarding these questions, please contact pastor Thomas.*

There is a story about a man who is very good at walking the tight rope, who set up a tight rope between two buildings, high in the sky. There was a crowd of people watching him go back and forth, and at one point he asked the crowd, 'who thinks I can walk across this rope with a person on my shoulders?' Everybody put up their hand, saying that they believed he could. Then he asked, 'who would like to go on my shoulders?' Nobody lifted their hand.

1. Did the people who raised their hand have confidence in the tight-rope walker?
2. Why did no one raise their hand and go on the tight-rope walker's shoulders across? Did it mean they had NO confidence? Or just not enough confidence in Him?

One way to think of the difference between the two responses to the tight-rope walker's question is the first response included no risk of losing anything, and the second one would have included a big risk of losing something.

3. Does God ask us to have enough confidence in Him and His promises to risk losing something? Will trusting God make us happier in the end or holding on to stuff?

Below is a list of things that may show a confidence in God and His promises. As a family, group them into two categories: little/no risk of loss, and big/significant risk of loss. Think of 'hand raising' risk, and 'getting on the shoulders' risk. Feel free to add to these.

- Making friends with a new kid at school
- Giving your money away when you want to buy something with it.
- Talking about Jesus with a friend who isn't a Christian
- Getting up early to read the Bible and Pray
- Standing up for someone who is getting bullied.
- Missing sports/activities to attend church.
- Admitting you did something wrong, when you will get in trouble.

End your time in prayer, asking for God's help to trust Him with bigger risks.