

Waverley Church
Sunday, July 26

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Receive God's Word

Psalm 30

Sermon: *Summer in the Psalms - Psalm 30*
Tony Penner, *Lead Pastor*

Discussion Questions:

1. What are your thoughts about calamities in our life possibly occurring because God is disciplining us or addressing our sins?
2. David found a reason to praise God even though he suffered, why can we do the same?
3. As a Christian, how important is it that God's anger is for a moment, but his favour is for a lifetime?
4. If the proper response to our calamity, suffering and sin is to cry out for God's mercy, why do we struggle to do so?
5. Have you been pursuing your purpose in Christ, which is to live a life of praise? Why do we struggle with this so much?
6. Where or in what, do you believe will provide your greatest joy? Have you been living the truth or a lie?

Prayer Suggestions:

- Pray that your sins would be forgiven and God would have mercy on you.
- Pray that we would recognize the calamities of our lives as God's way of calling us back to Him.
- Pray for a heart that desires to praise God in all circumstances and at all times.
- Pray for those struggling with sickness, suffering and trials that they would find God's mercy and deliverance.

Questions for a younger audience

Please note that these questions are more 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 to the particular needs of their children.

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

1. Do you think it would be better if your parents never said, 'no' to anything?
 - ie. they let you eat whatever you wanted, stay up as late as you wanted, be on a screen as long as you wanted, etc?
2. Do you think your parents enjoy saying, 'no' to things?
 - Do you think that when they are sad they think, 'I know what will cheer me up, saying, 'no' to my son or daughter'?
3. Do you think your parents love giving you treats?
4. What would be easier for your parents?
 - a. to try to and figure out how to make healthy boundaries for you and then keep those healthy boundaries, or
 - b. just let you do whatever you judged to be best?

Read Hebrews 12:6

5. Explain how discipline is something that actually shows that God loves you, and that your parents love you.
6. Why is it hard to be thankful for discipline?
7. As a family, talk about how we can be more thankful that God brings correction into our lives.
 - *Parents should lead this discussion by talking about ways the Lord has corrected them and led them to greater obedience and faithfulness—examples where God's discipline came through human agents are especially helpful.*