

C3 GROUP QUESTIONS

S2021-WEEK 1

1/31/21

Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- Briefly explain to the group a situation where you thought you were in total control.
- Briefly explain to the group a situation where you realized you had no control.
- Review the definition for providence that Randy gave during the sermon. (The wise and loving exercise of God's sovereignty as He directs everything in the universe.)

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

1) **Scripture/Observation:** Read Ps. 66:6-9 (*emphasis on verses 7 and 9*) and Ps. 4:6-8 (*emphasis on verse 8*). A. Which passage(s) of scripture is most meaningful to you regarding God's providence? Why? B. What passage(s) of scripture did you learn most from? And why? C. How does this passage compare to the definition of providence above? (Below is an excerpt from the Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.)

"6 He made a dry path through the Red Sea, and his people went across on foot. There we rejoiced in him. 7 *For by his great power he rules forever.* He watches every movement of the nations; let no rebel rise in defiance. 8 Let the whole world bless our God and loudly sing his praises. 9 *Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.*" (Ps 66:6-9, NLT)

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V 6–7: ACTION God can act to turn sea into dry land, which He did both at the Red Sea and at the Jordan, to guide and help His people and glorify His name. His people rejoice in Him. He rules over nations and has ultimate control even over the rebellious.

V 8–12: AFFLICTED Even though His people are sometimes afflicted and trodden underfoot, God goes through the afflictions with His people and brings them out to blessings at the other end.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+66&version=NLT>

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“6 Many people say, “Who will show us better times?” Let your face smile on us, Lord.
7 You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and
new wine. 8 *In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me
safe*”. (Ps 4:6-8, NLT)

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V 6–8: SAFETY Despite the despair of others, in the light of God’s light, David knows that God can keep him safely.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+4&version=NLT>

2) **Application:** How should these insights into God’s providence affect the way that you live?

3) **Prayer:** Guide your group in prayer that God would help you to understand more about His providence as we go through this series and that you would know how to effectively apply this to your life.