



SDG Discussion Guide

Psalm 127

October 13, 2019

For Starters:

Have you ever known a “workaholic” or been one yourself? What characterizes a “workaholic”?

What period could you describe as your best years? Why?

What is one thing you are looking forward to in the upcoming months in the life of the Church?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise from your group? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may give guidance in the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. What work does the Psalmist renounce? How do those who rely on their own efforts see their work?
2. Is the beginning tied to the end? What is said about large families? What happens “in the gate”?
3. Is God building your family? Business? Support system? Or are you? Elaborate.
4. Jewish law promoted big families. Are they promoted less or more today and why do you think? Does society help or hurt family unity?
5. Which of God’s deeds bring you joy? How do you express spiritual joy?
6. Do Sundays help you grow spiritually? If so, how? If not, what is lacking for you?
7. How can you stay ready and willing as time goes by and the Lord builds the house of Union Church of Manila?
8. Does the propensity of the “Martha” in the Lord’s house bother or encourage you? Why or why not? Does the propensity of the “Mary” in the Lord’s house bother you or encourage you? Why or why not?
9. What do you imagine it may look like as the Lord builds the house of Union Church of Manila in the coming months or years? How might God be calling you now to be a part of his construction?

Prayer:

Ask each other how you may pray for each other. Share with each other what you feel may be holding you back spiritually, and pray into what group members share. Ask God to bring a renewed awareness to how each of you, and all of you as a group, will be participating in the building of his blueprint in the greater faith community. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.