

JULY 18, 2021
LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
AWAKEN THE FUTURE
PSALM 126

Life Groups are officially on a break and will resume the week of September 12. However, if your group is going to continue to meet, or if you'd like some devotionally-minded questions to use during the week to think more deeply about the message on a personal level, here you go! We should mention that the format we've adopted for the summer is only for the summer. The fall will bring a return of the structure to which you are accustomed.

Re-read Psalm 126 in two different translations and then consider these questions for additional thought, reflection and application.

1. As you read verses 1-3, what are some things which stand out? Why?
 - Verse 1 references a time when the LORD restored... what event(s) in the OT could that be a reference of?
 - What might be your one or two sentence summary for these verses?
 - Think about times in your life when your "mouth was filled with laughter" and your "tongue with shouts of joy." What were the commonalities between those times?
 - What does the Psalmist suggest as the reason for laughter and joy?

2. What stands out as you read verses 4-6? Why?
 - Now, they are asking for God to do what he did before. But how would you describe the psalmist's current situation?
 - How would you describe the promises in the last two verses? Is this always a guarantee? Why or why not?

3. This psalm highlights hope in the midst of pain. What challenging ideas did it present you? What are your thoughts about them? Are you formulating any next steps? What are they?

4. What is one thing you can do this week to apply this text in your life? Who will you tell about your plan?