

“NORMAL MESSAGE” DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Palms 9:10 - “Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you”

JOB 19:25-27 - “But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God. I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!”

1. Describe how your life, relationships, routines and expectations have changed in the past months with the pandemic and election season and possibly other challenging circumstances? What have been the negative impacts to you and those you are close to?
2. Have you experienced any positive outcomes? This may be how you have approached your existing relationships with family, friends or acquaintances. Other outcomes may be work related or other activities.
3. Describe what “NORMAL” means to you. You may approach this question by applying it to your past or present routines, work duties, retirement activities, entertainment activities, or a historical context or any other life influence that is important to you.
4. Our spiritual lives have been disrupted and challenged during this time as well. Describe in what ways this has affected you. This might include your connection to the church fellowship, worship and the Sunday message and other church activities.
5. Have you experienced any positive outcomes in your spiritual life? Why would such disruptions and challenges cause you to experience positive outcomes? What examples can you share of such outcomes?

6. When considering Psalm 9:10 and Job 19:25-27, discuss how this will provide the Christian with a sense of LIFE STABILITY? ASSURANCE? EXPECTATION?
7. What impacts you that God will not abandon you as you search for Him?
8. How would you describe your reaction to Job's view of God when he says upon his expectation of seeing God with his own eyes, "I am overwhelmed at the thought."
9. That familiar phrase "Life is complicated" may resonate with you. Where are you in your journey with God and your life experience? Please understand this is a deeply personal question and some may or may not be willing to share.