



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of March 24, 2025

1. In Sunday's message, Pastor Ryan talked about the joys and frustrations of playing the board game "MONOPOLY". What are some other games (board, carnival, or cards) that have an element of chance? Can your group name at least SEVEN games and the chance element in each one?
2. By brief definition, providence is "God's personal and purposeful 'hands-on' management of His creation." Why can Christians confidently say that there's no such thing as chance?
3. What are some of the ways that God is actively **PRESERVING** or **SUSTAINING** His creation from day to day? (see Job 34:14-15 for one example)
4. Deists believe that God created the Universe—winding it up like a clock—but then stepping aside and letting it run without active input. How does this go against the biblical view of God's providence? How do we know that God is **OPERATING** in His universe? Be sure to read Proverbs 16:9; Prov. 16:33; Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28.
5. Many Americans became disgruntled when it was revealed that President Joe Biden took roughly 577 days of vacation during his presidency— which was 40% of his total days in office. How do we know for sure that God is actively **GOVERNING** His creation? (see Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11).
6. What is the difference between PROVIDENCE and a MIRACLE?
7. How does the doctrine of God's providence give the Christian a sense of reassurance and comfort? If your close Christian friend was facing cancer, a parent with dementia, a job loss, or a vehicle with a blown-up transmission— how could you use providence to bring them encouragement?
8. Can you share a personal story where God showed up in your life, and you were 100% confident it was the work of His hand? Allow your group members to share and encourage each other!

God's providence over every detail of life brings comfort to every Christian's heart.