



Week One

For a reminder on how to best use this Discussion Guide, see the bottom of this document.

Opening Prayers

God, thanks for giving us this time to connect with you and with each other. Help us to hear what you have for us today.

Talk It Over

This series is all about living in a such a way that believes God is at work in our life actively looking to do a new thing.

- Tell us about a time you experienced something good, new, and unexpected.

Read Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

This verse is spoken to the nation of Israel at a time in their history when they were coming out of captivity in Babylon and being lead to Jerusalem. As slaves in Babylon, they had been taken from their homeland 70 years prior. Between Babylon and Jerusalem was a 900-mile trip through hard deserts and wilderness. The words in this passage were meant to encourage, direct, and remind the travelers of a key unseen aspect of reality — God was at work even in the middle of the journey, the desert, and the wilderness. He sets captives free and he makes a way through the desert.

- When it comes to your faith, how comfortable or uncomfortable are you with acknowledging the struggle and times of waiting?

Read Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)

Peter was just going about his daily routine, fishing and cleaning his nets, when Jesus showed up in his 'here' and then everything changed. God met Peter where he was. And in same way, God looks to meet us where we are.

- Tell us about a time you felt God meet you where you are at?
- In what ways do you see God moving in your life this season?

There are two big ideas we looked at from this story:

1. In order to figure out where we are going, we have to know where we are.

- Where would you say you are in this season of life?

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- What do you love about this season?
- What are you hoping changes in the next season?

2. Here often involves waiting.

- What do you dislike most about waiting?
- Tell us about a time you had to wait for something important.

Read Psalms 40:1-2 (NLT)

In the Bible, David knew what it was like to wait. He was anointed to be King of Israel as a young boy, but he had no idea how that would play out or when that would happen. He had a vision from God for the future, but he had to learn to trust God.

- Are there any visions God has possibly given you about your future that you'd like to share with us? Tell us about how the vision came to be and where you are in the process.

Read Romans 8:28 (VOICE)

The Bible tells us that God can bring good out of all situations. None of this minimizes the pain we experience and God doesn't call our bad situations good, but he does say he can bring good and beautiful out of anything.

- Tell us about a time you saw something good come out of something painful.
- Are there any painful challenges happening this season that you're hoping to see God use for good?

Closing Prayer

God, thank you for being a God who invites us into new things. As we walk out our week, help us to be open and aware to your leadership. Help us to grab hold of what new things you are looking to do in us.

How To Use this Discussion Guide

The guide is meant to serve you and your group as you intentionally create space to grow in friendship and faith. Use the guide as a tool to help your unique group connect in friendship and help your grow your faith.

With that in mind, consider reviewing the guide before your group to see if some content or question might resonate more or less with your group. Don't feel pressure to read all the content or to hit all the questions. The guide is not meant to be something you power through for the sake of completing. Pick to focus on what you think will help foster friendship and faith the most.

Spend sometime praying about your group, preparing your heart, and asking God for wisdom and guidance regarding your specific group.