

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Blessing Blockers | Pastor Daniel Groves

A LACK OF PERSPECTIVE

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

-ISAIAH 43:19 (NLT)

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

-PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14 (NLT)

A LACK OF FAITH

Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

-GENESIS 15:5-6 (NLT)

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

-HEBREWS 11:6 (NLT)

Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.

-PSALM 37:25 (NLT)

A LACK OF CONNECTION

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

-PSALM 37:25 (NLT)

A LACK OF PEACE

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

-MATTHEW 6:25-27 (NIV)

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

-MATTHEW 8:23-27 (NIV)

A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

-PSALM 139:23-24 (AMP)

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

-LUKE 16:10 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some questions or curiosities you have from today's message? (Leader Note: This is a great place to understand where your group is in their spiritual walk and understanding. Encourage members to ask whatever questions they may have - often, people are hesitant to ask questions when they feel they might be too "basic" or about something they should already know)
2. What is one point from the message that stuck out to you? Why? (Leader Note: As members share their points, allow people to engage with one another about these points. Are two or more people bringing up the same point? Use that time to talk more about it, see how it moves you and your members - the Holy Spirit may be leading your House Party in a specific direction)
3. What is a truth about God, the world, or yourself that you have learned today?
4. What is one way you can apply this message to your life this week? (Leader Note: Great applications are S.M.A.R.T: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound).