

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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**HOW DO I GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?
WHAT IS A CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP?
WHAT DO I DO NOW?**

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.

-ECCLESIASTES 3:1 (NKJV)

STAGE 1: YOU ARE THE SEED

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

-PSALM 91:1-2 (NKJV)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

-ROMANS 8:28 (NKJV)

You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

-PSALM 32:7 (NIV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

-MATTHEW 6:33 (ESV)

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

-ISAIAH 40:29 (ESV)

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

-MATTHEW 13:16 (ESV)

YOU NEED A SEASON OF BEING INVESTED INTO.

STAGE 2: PLANT THE RIGHT SEED

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

-1 PETER 4:10 (NIV)

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

-PROVERBS 4:23 (NIV)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

-GALATIANS 6:7 (ESV)

WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING?

WHAT ARE YOU INVESTING IN?

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."

-1 CORINTHIANS 3:6 (NIV)

STAGE 3: WATER, WEED, WAIT

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, May have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

-EPHESIANS 3:17-19 (ESV)

A WEED STILL STARTS AS A SEED.

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

-JOHN 8:32 (ESV)

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

-GENESIS 8:22 (ESV)

THE GUARANTEE IN BETWEEN THE ‘SEED’ AND THE ‘HARVEST’ IS THE ‘TIME.’

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

-HABAKKUK 2:3 (ESV)

STAGE 4: ENJOY THE HARVEST

We walk by faith, not by sight.

-2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 (ESV)

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

-JOHN 3:30 (ESV)

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).