



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Lion | Pastor Daniel & Jackie Groves
Summer Blockbuster

Scripture

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Main Idea

Even in the midst of difficult circumstances, or when we have needs that we are waiting for breakthrough on, we still have a source of joy and peace when we walk with God. It's not all easy, but when we walk in relationship with God, there can be peace. Here is our hope: That you would find your way back home. That all you desire in life would be found in Jesus.

ANYTHING THAT'S PROVIDING PEACE OUTSIDE OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD ISN'T RESTORATION, IT'S JUST MANAGEMENT.

Pastor Daniel shared that in the midst of our separation from God, we find ourselves calling a place home that was only ever supposed to be a part of our journey. What is that habit, experience, or lifestyle that has kept you living in a symbolic "orphanage"?

THE WAY "HOME" STARTS WITH CONFESSION.

Additional Scripture: James 5:13-16

Have you ever found yourself realizing in the most unusual moment, that maybe you're not as ok as you thought you were? What were the circumstances? What did you do? Is there something right now that you need to confess to begin your journey home? Share it with us now.



FAITH STARTS WHERE FACTS END.

Additional Scripture: Hebrews 11:1; John 3:16-17; Revelation 3:20

After twenty plus years of questioning whether his hometown even exists, Saroo found that it does! Now he needs to act on what he's found, yet even this can sometimes be the start of another battle. Because what if he goes back to find he's rejected. What are the "what if" moments that you are stuck in right now?

So what is your role in all of this? Just a simple act of faith. Have you come home to Jesus? (See Revelation 3:20)

Summary

The Bible says that we were lost, but not anymore! God has given us new hope by restoring the path to relationship with Him! And unlike Saroo, we don't have to cross oceans, because God is already here with us. The journey isn't always easy, but Jesus will be our peace and will guard our hearts and minds as we find our way home.

Call To Action

1. What are you doing to allow God to bring restoration instead of you trying to manage the situation?
2. Who are the friends/family in your life that you can live out James 5:13-16 with? Schedule a time this week to put this into practice. (Yes, set the appointment now.)
3. If you haven't already, take a step of faith and say this prayer. "Lord, I've missed you. I feel distant from you, and I feel like I've traveled too far, and done too much to be restored to you. But today I feel you reaching out your hand, saying "Oh how I've looked for you." And today, I respond, and open the door to you.



Group Leader Resource

Conversation Starter: What is your all time favorite movie and why?

Use this conversation starter (or a game of your choice) to get your group talking and settle in. Help create a relaxing environment for people to feel comfortable and open to then respond to the discussion questions.