

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Summer at Hope City | Pastor Daniel Groves

Dear friends, don't be surprised or shocked that you are going through testing that is like walking through fire.

-1 PETER 4:12 (CEV)

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." The Lord answered, "I will be with you."

-JUDGES 6:12-16

A man's mind plans his way [as he journeys through life], But the Lord directs his steps and establishes them.

-PROVERBS 16:9 (AMP)

The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.

-EXODUS 14:14 (NLT)

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

-ISAIAH 43:2 (NLT)

THE MIDDLE SEASON SHOULD PRODUCE GRATITUDE IN YOUR LIFE.

But the Lord says, “Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there.

-ISAIAH 43:18-19 (GNT)

THE MIDDLE SEASON SHOULD PRODUCE GROWTH IN YOUR LIFE.

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

-JAMES 1:2-3 (NLT)

Let the gift of undeserved grace and the understanding that come from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ help you keep on growing. Praise Jesus now and forever! Amen.

-2 PETER 3:18 (CEV)

When you walk, you won't be held back; when you run, you won't stumble.

-PROVERBS 4:12 (NLT)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—good, pleasing and perfect will.

-ROMANS 12:2 (NIV)

THE MIDDLE SEASON DOES NOT MEAN GOD IS NOT WORKING.

For we walk by faith, not by sight [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God's promises].

-2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 (AMP)

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed in a way that awakens more faith]. As it is written and forever remains written, “THE JUST and UPRIGHT SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

-ROMANS 1:17 (AMP)

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Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

-HEBREWS 11:1 (NIV)

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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).