

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Divine Interruption | Johnny Luvender
Next-Gen Weekend

Scripture

Acts 16:25-34

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

Main Idea

Broken things draw attention to themselves. So do broken people. So does a broken generation. Loud doesn't necessarily mean volume. Isolation, absence, and withdrawal can be just as loud as extraversion. Especially in a home. If there ever was a need, the time for increased focus and investment for the next generation, it would be now.

INTERRUPTIONS LEAD TO DISRUPTIONS

An interruption is a break in the continuity of something. If the enemy can interrupt your worship, he can disrupt your life. What are some interruptions that you have been facing?

Additional scripture: John 4:24

YOUR REVELATION OF GOD DETERMINES YOUR RESPONSE TO INTERRUPTIONS

How you see God will determine the narrative of the interruptions in your life. What in your life did you write off as an obstacle, opposition, inconvenience, or hardship that God is saying, “No, that’s me. That’s a divine interruption?”

Summary

We can be a divine interruption in the lives of the next generation and those around us through worship, prayer, and action.

Call To Action

1. Consider serving on our Next Generations team to minister to children or youth. If you are interested you can email jluvender@hopecity.com (youth) or pbates@hopecity.com (kids).
2. Consider leading a connect group. Visit hopecity.com/groups for more information.
3. Hit the reset button on your personal worship time and your first 15, and don’t allow the enemy to distract you.
4. Invite three people to join you next week at Hope City as we begin our relationship series called “Ups & Downs”

Group Leader Resource

Saran Wrap Game

This one requires a little prep: You'll need a box of plastic wrap and a bag of candy, or an assortment of small, durable goodies. (Packs of gum, dollar bills, lottery tickets, and the like all work.) Pick one item to place at the center of your saran wrap ball. Wrap it thoroughly in plastic wrap, then add more items as your wrapped ball gets bigger, trapping them in layers of wrap. (To make the game more challenging, tear the wrap into smaller sheets as you go.) Once you've used a whole roll of wrap (or more, if desired), you're ready to play.

Gather in a circle or around a table. Give one person the wrapped bundle; give the person next to them a pair of dice. The person with the saran wrap bundle must unravel as much of the ball as possible before the person with the dice rolls doubles. (Any prizes that fall out during your turn are yours to keep.) Once the person with the dice rolls doubles, they pass the dice down and receive the bundle. Repeat until the ball is completely unwound.

(For alternative versions, have the person with the plastic wrap ball wear oven mitts, or set a timer for each turn instead of using dice.)