

## Discussion Guide

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# It's For Me

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### Main Idea

When I sign a covenant with Heaven on my heart, it comes with the gifts of Heaven.

Gifts are blessings. Blessings I'm constantly reminding myself about, teaching my kids, pastoring and coaching people about.

The enemy, however, wants only to steal, kill, and destroy us. He knows if you see these gifts and link your faith with them; you will realize he has no control in your life.

Here's how the enemy wins in your life. It's when he can get you to stop believing in the gifts from the Lord. So, when the world says it's not for you, remember if the Bible says it, God is saying it is for you!!

### Psalm 16:5-6 (GNT)

*"You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands. How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are!"*

### Joy Is For Me

There's over 400 references in the Bible about joy and rejoicing. You need to fight for your joy. Every season has a new rhythm. Every season has a new fight. I decide to have Joy in Faith that God has got my situation.

Pastor Brandon told us that sometimes our joy is on the other side of our obedience? Where do you need to be obedient in order to find your joy?

Read: Romans 12:10-12, Isaiah 9:2-3

## Healing Is For Me

Jesus went around healing every disease & sickness. Faith is not denying the facts, it's stating the truth. The truth is we live in a broken world and there are things out of our control that break us. Faith is believing He is still the same miracle working God.

What have been some miracles in your life so far? What miracle are you still believing in God for?

Read: Matthew 9:35, Luke 9:6

## Blessing Is For Me

God didn't just offer a blessing to Abraham. It is not just an Old Testament thing. That same blessing is for you. It is for both the Jew and the Gentile. Because of Jesus, this blessing is here today. The cross changed everything.

What is that one thing that has seemed harder for you than for others? How will you be the answer for your family to change it!

Read: Genesis 17:4, 7; Deuteronomy 28:12-13, Galatians 3:13-14

## SUMMARY

Hebrews 12:2 says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross."

That Joy set before Him was people. That joy is you and me! To Him it was worth the pain, the sacrifice, and the rejection. You bring him joy. He did it all so that you can have joy, healing, and the blessing of freedom.

## CALL TO ACTION

1. Consider how you can relate to and apply Isaiah 9:2-3 in your life right now.
2. Take a moment to think back over the years of your life where God performed the three types of physical healings that Pastor Brandon spoke of: naturally, medically, and miraculously. Now, pause to thank Him.
3. Look back through your family tree and take special notice of all the blessings.

# GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

## **Game: One Minute Please**

The aim of the game is to talk for one minute on a given subject. You announce the topic and a member of the group is randomly selected to speak for one minute. Use a pack of cards to randomly select i.e. the person who draws the lowest number.

Choose subjects to stimulate the imagination and which may be amusing. Put a stopwatch on each person to see how long they last before drying up! Subjects might include, my earliest memories, my favorite computer game, why beans are good for you, 10 things you can do with potatoes, Alligator wrestling,...be creative, be random, have fun!