



Discussion Guide

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Main Idea

Our God is a God of restoration. So when the door opens to a season of restoration it can either feel like the floodgates of favor just burst open, or it can look like the deepest darkest valley. And it's in the valley moments, maybe filled with fears and flashbacks, where it is VITAL to know the character of God.

1. He is a God who pursues people.

In our lives, we shouldn't be surprised, when out of faithfulness to us, and in His wisdom, He asks us to do something courageous, that doesn't make sense but is born out of His goodness.

Where have you seen God pursuing you? What is a "new thing" that you sense He is wanting for you in this season?

Read: Isaiah 43:19

2. There's always a purpose for His provision!

There are seasons that we all must go through and grow through. Identify and value the season that you're in.

Where have you seen God's provision in your life (don't just think financially)?

Read: Proverbs 20:29

3. We find wealth in wisdom

When you position yourself to be TRAINED by wisdom, you can navigate life with greater certainty, and apply your giftings with greater grace.

Where are you getting advice and training from? How has it benefited you?

Read: Proverbs 19:20

4. Acceleration of your call comes from accountability to a mentor

If you know what God has called you to, but He hasn't yet positioned you IN it, then look for the training you need NOW.

Who is mentoring you? How does someone go about finding a mentor to speak into their life? How do you think your life would be different if you had a mentor?

Read: Hebrews 13:7

5. We sacrifice with assurance

We will need to be confident in these three things:

Faith - that our sacrifice will be honored by God.

Hope - that our sacrifice will accomplish something significantly greater than even the cost personally incurred by us.

Love - that values the good of others over what I may personally stand to lose.

Who has made sacrifices for you in the past? What does sacrifice look like for you?

Read: Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:16; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

6. Don't fly solo. Fly in formation.

God has NOT created us to do life by ourselves. Rather He designed us to pursue people, find wealth in wisdom, and sacrifice with assurance.

What areas of your life have you been flying solo? What has been the result? What would it look like for you to fly in formation with others?

7. Sacrifice isn't just a decision, it's a response

As believers, we commit to doing things that may challenge, or inconvenience us, because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for us.

What could God be asking you to sacrifice for the greater good of your relationship with Him and others?

SUMMARY

We are excited to be a multigenerational and multicultural church. Our diversity offers us the opportunity to reach so many in our community. It is so encouraging to know that God has pursued us, He is pursuing others, AND we need to be doing the same.

Together, with the provision of God, we can offer faith, hope, and love to those He has placed in our sphere of influence. Whatever season of life you may be in, let's answer the call to fly in formation and sacrifice whatever it takes for the greater good, for God's purposes.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Identify your own season of life and consider what courageous things God wants you to consider pursuing.
2. Consider who you can be ministering to as a mentor. Step out in faith and offer your experience and wisdom to them.
3. If you do not currently have a "wingman" speaking into your life, make that a matter of prayer. As God leads you, approach someone in your HC group or dream team to be a mentor to you.
4. Invite at least ONE person to join you next week for At The Movies!

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Post-It Note Game

Materials Needed: Stack of sticky notes and a pen.

Write the name of a well-known public figure or character on each note, then pass them around until everyone has one. Without looking, each person should stick their note on their forehead or back. Have everyone mingle, or sit in a circle and take turns asking yes or no questions to discover your assigned identity. ("Am I living?" is a great place to start.) Play until everyone has correctly guessed their identity, or pass out prizes to those who guess correctly.