

# TALK IT OVER

## SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

**Note to the Host:** Thanks for leading your group and being willing to create community! Remember, this is your group, and you have the freedom to navigate the conversation that best fits your group's dynamic.

### ICEBREAKER:

- "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."  
– **Mother Teresa**, Oprah Winfrey, Madonna, or Judy Garland
- "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." -**Albert Einstein**, Steve Jobs, Nelson Mandela, Bette Midler

### QUESTIONS:

*These questions are based off the sermon that took place on Sunday. In this time, feel free to revisit any of the scripture that was discussed in the message. Answer as many questions as your time allows and don't feel pressed to get through them all if running long.*

1. Have you ever fallen into the thinking that if you follow Jesus, things should get better for you?
2. Where there is pain, there is a promise. Where there is a promise, there is a purpose. Share a story of pain that ultimately resulted in God's purpose being developed in you.
3. How is your faith being tested? James 1:2-4 starts "Consider it pure joy..." How can joy be an option as your faith is being tested?
4. No two troubles look the same and each trouble is valid, big or small. What is your biggest trouble right now? How can your group support you through this?
5. Jesus didn't promise a pain-free life but did promise to save us from our sin. Do you REALLY know this God? Does your walk reflect this during trials?
6. Knowing this world is broken and troubled, do you still find yourself searching for joy in the world? How can being deeply rooted in Christ and knowing that all joy comes from Him sustain you?

### PRAYER:

*Please don't stress about the time of prayer, pray however your group feels comfortable. This can either be one person pray, or you can go in a circle and have each person pray a few sentences! Be sure to change it up so your prayer time stays fresh in your group.*

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share.
- Encourage and welcome all praise reports!
- Have someone type your requests up so the group can recall them throughout the week.