



Life Group
Discussion Guide
May 24, 2015

STARTING
OVER

Discussion Questions

Leader Notes

"God's grace is as big as anything that has happened to you or anything you have done."

-Stuart

Helpful Hint: Get people involved in the discussion by asking non-threatening questions that will engage the whole group.

Discussion Kick Off

1. Stuart mentioned the grill he attempted to assemble. Have you ever run into trouble because you avoided directions?
2. Why do you think we continue to be a victim of the same mistakes?

Evaluate It

1. When have you been a victim of *The Experience Myth*, assuming that experience alone makes you wiser? What were the results of those actions?
2. When have you been a victim of *The Know Better Myth*, assuming because you know better you will do better? What were the results of those assumptions?
3. *The Time Myth* says time is against me, but Stuart argues that **"Time is our friend."** Have you ever made a poor choice because you bought into that lie? What was the cost you paid by rushing into that decision?
4. Read Romans 8: 28. This verse proposes a promise we have a hard time believing. Why is it so hard to believe that God is willing to redeem our pasts?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

- Romans 8:28

Make It Personal

1. What are the areas of you life where you are currently *Starting Over*? What are the things you need to be alert for, so this time isn't like last time?
2. Round two hold an opportunity to learn from the mistakes of round one. What have you learned from round one in the areas where you had to start over? How can you apply those life lessons to your life now?

At the end of the discussion, take a moment to take prayer requests from **the group (if you haven't done so)** and pray for your group before you end your time together.

Over 2,000 years ago a young Greek artist named Timanthes studied under a respected tutor. After several years the teacher's efforts seemed to have paid off when Timanthes painted an exquisite work of art. Unfortunately, he became so enraptured with the painting that he spent days gazing at it. One morning when he arrived to admire his work, he was shocked to find it blotted out with paint. Angry, Timanthes ran to his teacher, who admitted he had destroyed the painting. "I did it for your own good. That painting was retarding your progress. Start again and see if you can do better." Timanthes took his teacher's advice and produced *Sacrifice of Iphigenia*, which is regarded as one of the finest paintings of antiquity.

Starting a Table or Life Group? Take a look at the helpful information below:

Who establishes and makes up a table or life group?

1. Husband & Wife
2. Family
3. 2-5 Guys
4. 2-5 Ladies
5. 2-5 Couples

Where do they meet?

1. Kitchen table
2. Coffee table
3. Cafe table
4. Restaurant table
5. Picnic table
6. Work table
7. Round table

- Meeting (how often, how long): Weekly or bi-weekly (day and time is decided by the group). No more than 2 hours.
- Who should lead a table or life group? Leadership can be shared or the group may choose a leader.
- How long should the group stay together? The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together at the end of that time, but initially groups should stay together 6-8 weeks.
- What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table? No table or life group should have more than 15 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 15 participants, there are two options:
 - Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 15) or
 - Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants)
- If you have any questions or would like to establish a life group, please contact Jason Fox at 270-765-4994 or jason@fcetown.com.

If you would like to talk with a minister,
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