

Life Group Discussion Guide

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Part 5: God Moments

Introduction

"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." - Genesis 28:15 (NIV)

Scripture References

- Genesis 28:10-22; 32:22-32

Discussion Kick Off

1. Can you identify a moment in your life when you realized you were in the presence of God? What was the moment? What makes that moment so meaningful?
2. Where were you five years ago? Would you ever believe you would be where you are today five years ago?
3. As a child, did you use your feet, fists or lips to get out of trouble?

Evaluate It

1. What does it mean to you that God still chooses you despite your character flaws?
2. What led Jacob to decide running was the best solution to his problem? Why do we feel that running is an answer to our problems?
3. In what sense are (or were) you like Jacob, running from your past, fearing revenge? How did you come to terms with how to deal with the mistakes you once made?
4. Why do you think God chose to encounter Jacob through a wrestling match? What do you think God is trying to teach us in His wrestling match with Jacob?
5. Why do you think God chose to give Jacob a new name? Why do you think He chose to give Jacob the name "Israel?"

Make It Personal

1. How can we remind ourselves that regardless of what we have done, He doesn't give up on us?
2. **Stuart mentions, "God will walk through IT with you."** How can we remind ourselves to rely on Him when confronting our past?
3. What can we do to be more aware of the moments we have with God?

From the movie Facing the Giants - In six years of coaching, Grant Taylor has never led his Shiloh Eagles to a winning season. After learning that he and his wife Brooke face infertility, Grant discovers that a group of fathers are secretly organizing to have him dismissed as head coach. Devastated by his circumstances, he cries out to God in desperation. When Grant receives a message from an unexpected visitor, he searches for a stronger purpose for his football team. He dares to challenge his players to believe God for the impossible on and off the field. When faced with unbelievable odds, the Eagles must step up to their greatest test of strength and courage. What transpires is a dynamic story of the fight between faith and fear.

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

Who establishes and makes up a table 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 life or table 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@fccetown.com.

If you would like to talk with a minister,
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