

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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"EMBRACING YOUR SEASON"

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BIG IDEA: Embracing your season allows you to see Jesus in it.

GROUPS VISION

We believe life transformation happens when we engage with other people, with Jesus as our focus, and take next steps together. A next step is where we Ask, Listen, and Respond to take any action that advances our journey with Jesus.

KEY VERSE

Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are His. He changes the times and seasons.

Daniel 2:21

POTENTIAL NEXT STEP

Take inventory of the different seasons you are currently experiencing and pray the words found in Daniel 2:21 over each season. "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are His."

MAIN POINTS & SCRIPTURES

Jesus sees us in our season and, if we embrace it, we will more clearly see the Son. God gave us actual seasons (winter, spring, summer, and fall) to parallel spiritual seasons in life. **(Genesis 1:14; Ecclesiastes 3:1)**

1. A season when you rest in hope. (Winter) Troubles come in seasons, but God's faithfulness is forever. Winter seasons are critical for experiencing the other seasons God has for us. **(Exodus 23:10-11)** His promises may feel dormant, but they are not dead. We can embrace the winter by: 1) Focusing on the One who is with us, instead of focusing on the length of the season. 2) Resting in the season and letting our hope rise. We shouldn't try to hurry through our winter seasons.
2. A season when you sow faithfully. (Spring) Spring is a season of getting started, planting the seeds and preparing for the harvest. **(2 Samuel 11:1)** David missed his chance to be faithful to God's instructions to him. Spring seasons in our lives are times to keep moving forward faithfully in what God has called us to. **(Proverbs 20:4)** We can embrace the spring by asking: 1) Where is God already moving? 2) Have we been faithful to do the last thing He asked us to do?
3. A season when you live joyfully. (Summer) **(Isaiah 60:1)** When we are experiencing spiritual summer, it feels like everything is in perfect alignment. We can embrace the summer by: 1) Appreciating and engaging in joyfulness. 2) Remembering the pursuit of our lives isn't happiness; it is Jesus.
4. A season when you harvest thankfully. (Fall) Fall is the season when we see the fruit of what we have been working on with God come to pass. We can embrace the fall by: 1) Surrendering to the Lord of the harvest **(Matthew 9:38)** 2) Asking Him to reveal His harvest in us while He is working through us. Peter and the disciples had an amazing fall season in **(Acts 2:41)**.

Spiritual seasons can overlap in different areas of our life. **(Daniel 2:21)** If He brought us to it, He will bring us through it.

DISCUSSION

1. Winter seasons comes to all of us. Describe your last winter season. (See point #1)
2. What next steps was God inviting you to in your most recent spring season? (See point #2)
3. Describe a recent summer season you experienced. (See Point #3)
4. We reap what we sow. When have you gone through a fall season in your life? (See Point #4)

Do you have a story of someone taking a next step?
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