



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Mother's Day

BIG IDEA: In every season of life God is with us and wants to give us His wisdom.

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.

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KEY VERSE

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being.

Ephesians 3:16

POTENTIAL NEXT STEP

Reflecting on your spiritual journey, who has been a spiritual Father or Mother to you? Take some time this week to thank them for the investment they made into your life.

MAIN POINTS & SCRIPTURES

In whatever season of life we're in, on whatever journey we're walking through, God meets us in unique ways and imparts wisdom, encouragement, and hope into our hearts.

Here are some insights and words of wisdom for our lives:

- Jesus invites us to trust in Him and to follow Him. Guilt causes us to become stuck in past regrets and anxiety causes us to fear the future. Where Jesus is leading us is always better than where we've been. **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**
- Jesus invites us into a real-time relationship with Him where we are aware of His presence and allow His strength to flow through us. When the busyness of life overwhelms us and makes us feel lonely, Jesus is with us in the everyday activities. **(Deuteronomy 31:8)**
- Jesus invites us to walk into His presence and receive the unlimited resources He freely offers us; peace, patience, comfort, joy, strength, rest, etc. **(Ephesians 3:16-18)** The circumstances of life can leave us with a deep void; Jesus is the only one who can fill the void.
- Jesus invites us to reproduce the life of Christ in those around us. Our purpose is to make disciples by becoming spiritual Fathers and Mothers in the lives of others. **(Genesis 1:28, Isaiah 54:1, 3 John 4)**
- Jesus invites us to completely surrender and release control to Him, in order to completely receive and release His love. Love causes us to grow, expand, and bless. When we live in fear we retreat and try to control people and circumstances. **(Galatians 2:20)**
- Jesus invites us to become aware of our current season, in order to be present throughout the good seasons and patient during the difficult seasons. Identifying our season gives us vision for who we are, who God is, and what our purpose is throughout the season. **(Ecclesiastes 3:1)**

DISCUSSION

1. God has unlimited resources for you today. What heavenly resource do you need from God's Costco?
2. Our purpose in life is to make disciples; in other words, help others take the next step on their journey with Jesus. Who has helped you take a next step on your journey? Who are you helping to take a next step?
3. Love causes us to grow and expand, fear causes us to retreat. What areas do you need to release fear and replace it with love?
4. **What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? What is your next step?**