

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of May 8-14, 2022

“#TBT”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What do you tend to forget, despite all efforts to remind yourself?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Deuteronomy 8:1-10

1. How were God's people told to remember the commands of God (v.1-2)? Why did God command them to remember such things?
2. Why was there a need to humble and test the Israelites (v.2)? Is this still applicable to God's people in today's generation? In what areas in your life do you think you need humility?
3. Is there a greater emphasis placed on being forgetful of daily activities and routine things compared to forgetting spiritual things? Name one or two "spiritual things" that you or other believers tend to often forget. What is going on in your life that causes you to forget God?
4. "Trials reveal who we are." How true is this? Can you share some personal examples or testimonies or life stories.
5. When, if ever, have you experienced "God's wilderness" in your life? In what respect was it like a "desert"? In what sense was it disciplinary? In what ways is life different for you today because of that?
6. Read Deuteronomy 8:18. For you, is it harder to be focused on the Lord during times of prosperity or in times of hardship? Have you ever gone through a season in life where trusting God and being thankful was hard?

7. What does it mean to "bless the Lord"? Why were the Israelites called to bless the Lord? What has the Lord done for you lately that should inspire you to bless him?

8. NEXT STEPS

Life is a series of thousands of tiny miracles. Let's notice them, be thankful to God and give him praise!

- I will remember God's leading and his faithfulness in my life.
- I will remember his provision for me and my family.
- I will remember who I am and remember whose I am!
- I belong to God, and I no longer live for the acceptance of others but for the approval of God.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a thankful and a humble heart at all times.
- Pray for a consistent and growing fellowship with Jesus.
- Pray for a heart that is obedient to the Word of God and his leading.
- Take the time to pray for the elections, for peace, and for God to work out his sovereign will in the results.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through tough times.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

May 9	John 14:1-4
May 10	Exodus 13
May 11	Romans 8:32, Genesis 22:9-19
May 12	Numbers 23:18-24
May 13	1 John 3:1-9
May 14	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
May 15	Isaiah 1:18-20