





Discussion Gu'de



"FAITH FORWARD"

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THE POINT:

GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL TO HIS CALLING

The Repeats (required)
Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

#### The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

# The Reenergizer (optional) Use this question if you need to get your group talking

 You're lost and alone in a land you don't know. Would you stay in one place, set up shelter, and wait for rescue <u>OR</u> roam looking for help?

# The Reflection (required) <u>Discuss</u> these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- God is Always Faithful to His Calling. Read the following verses. After each, take time to explain in your own words how it ties to the Point:
  - Numbers 23:19
  - Romans 8:28
  - Philippians 1:6
  - Hebrews 10:23
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:24. We so easily forget God's faithfulness
  when we have the next decision to make. That's why God Moments are
  so important—to look back and remember! Share a time in your life
  when God called you to do something and He proved His faithfulness.
- Following God's calling requires <u>trust</u> that He IS faithful and He WILL come through. Often we hesitate because, intentionally or unintentionally, we think we know better. Read the following reasons for hesitation then discuss how God was faithful to the people in each passage.
  - It Doesn't Make Sense (The Israelites: Joshua 6:1-5)
  - It Will Be Hard (Shadrach/Meshach/Abednego: Daniel 3:14-18)
  - You Can't See the End (Esther: Esther 4:10-16)
- What is God calling YOU to do <u>right now</u>? Go around the group and share: <u>which 1 of the above 3 hesitations most applies to your situation</u>? This is what c1:Community is all about: <u>pray for each other</u> to have faith and boldness to trust God and to <u>do</u> what He has called.

#### The References

#### Main Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NIV)

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

#### Numbers 23:19 (NLT)

God is not a human, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

#### Romans 8:28 (NLT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them

#### Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

#### <u>Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)</u>

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

## Joshua 6:1-5 (NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...march around the town...Then the walls of the town will collapse...

## Daniel 3:14-18 (NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...God whom we serve is able to save us...But even if he doesn't...

## Esther 4:10-16 (NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die...