

GOD'S NOT DONE WITH YOU

Small Group Discussion Guide (10 Sessions)

CHAPTER 1: THE STORY OF MOSES

1. Do you ever feel like something in your past is preventing you from moving forward with God?
2. Do you remember a time when you were in a dark place, but the Lord spoke to you by his Spirit through His Word, or by His Spirit in some other way?

Read Exodus 3

3. What do you notice about Moses' reaction to God in this passage?
4. How does God respond to Moses' doubts about his own abilities?
5. Does it help you to think of Moses' life in three seasons? What kind of season are you in now?
6. How does Moses' story encourage you as you evaluate your own life and circumstances?

CHAPTER 2: THE STORY OF JOSEPH

1. Can you think of a season in your life that didn't make sense at the time, but looking back, you can see God's work in those circumstances?

Read Genesis 50:15-20

2. Are there ever times when it feels difficult to believe that God is turning evil things into good?
3. How does Joseph's story and the 50/20 principle compare with other philosophies like karma or "what goes around comes around"?
4. How does God's character impact the way we endure suffering and our ability to forgive?
5. Is there anything in your life you need to entrust to God's sovereignty?
6. How does Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28 encourage you today?

CHAPTER 3: THE STORY OF ESTHER

1. Have you ever felt as though the odds were stacked against you?

Read Esther 4

2. What strikes you about Mordecai's response to this horrible news? About Esther's response?
3. What does it mean to be brave in the face of hopelessness?
4. How can we have confidence of God's presence, when all we see is evil?
5. What are some small graces in your life right now that remind you of God's presence?

CHAPTER 4: THE STORY OF JONAH

1. Can you think of a time when you rebelled against a human authority (parent, teacher, traffic law, etc)? What were the consequences of that rebellion?
2. Has there been a time in your life when you rebelled against God, but He brought you back, perhaps through difficult or unusual circumstances?

Read Jonah 2

3. What strikes you about Jonah's prayer, in light of what you know about the rest of Jonah's story?
4. Do you think Jonah's prayer is one of true surrender? Why or why not?
5. Are there ever times we want God's mercy for ourselves, but fail to be merciful to others?
6. Are there any areas of your life that you need to surrender to God?

CHAPTER 5: THE STORY OF ELIJAH

7. What are some positive and negative ways our culture encourages us to cope with deep discouragement and depression?
8. Can you think of a time when God met your needs in an unexpected way?

Read 1 Kings 19

9. How does God's response to Elijah's discouragement encourage you?

10. What are some different ways that God provides for Elijah's needs in this chapter?
11. Are there currently any circumstances in your life that seem insurmountable? Take time to bring each other's needs to the Lord in prayer.

CHAPTER 6: THE STORY OF ABIGAIL

1. Have you ever had to intervene in a conflict between two people? How did it go?

Read 1 Samuel 25: 2-42.

2. What does Abigail's response to this critical situation tell us about her character?
3. What stands out to you about Abigail's speech to David?
4. What does David's response to Nabal's death in verse 39 tell us about how not to handle difficult people?
5. Are there any ways you can bring peace in difficult relationships?

CHAPTER 7: THE STORY OF DAVID

1. What are some ungodly ways that we are tempted to handle our sin?

Read Psalm 51

2. What does David say about God's character in this psalm?
3. Why do you think that David says that he has sinned against the Lord only?
4. What do you think it means to have a "broken and contrite" spirit?
5. The original readers of this psalm would have been reading it long before Jesus' arrival. How does Jesus' death and resurrection affect the way we read this psalm today?

CHAPTER 8: THE STORY OF PETER

1. Have you ever experienced doubt or disillusionment in your faith?
2. Do you relate to Peter in the Gospels? Why or why not?

Read John 21:1-19

3. How do you think Peter felt when he realized it was Jesus on the shore?

4. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter whether or not he loved him when he already knew?
5. What are some ways that God has demonstrated his trustworthiness, whether in the Scriptures or in your own life?

9: THE STORY OF HEZEKIAH

1. Do you know anyone who had joy through really difficult circumstances? How have they been an encouragement to you?
2. Has the Lord ever answered your prayers in exactly the way you had asked?

Read 2 Kings 20

3. What are some things that strike you about Hezekiah's prayer for healing?
4. What are some ways we can guard our hearts from pride when we experience a positive change in our circumstances?
5. Are there any ways you can use suffering in your life to minister to other people?
6. Take time to pray Psalm 90:12 for each other as a group.

CHAPTER 10: YOUR STORY

1. Which of the seven reminders from this chapter do you find the most difficult to remember and why?
2. Which of the true stories we've covered in these chapters has impacted you the most?
3. How does understanding God's character help us to navigate difficult circumstances?

Read Philippians 1:6 and Romans 8:28-29

4. How can we view our circumstances in light of these verses?
5. What does obedience to God's calling in your life look like right now?
6. In what ways is God making you to be more like His Son Jesus?