

Life Group Questions For Discussion

Use any or as many of these questions as will be helpful for your discussion.

- What's the hardest thing you've ever had to wait for? Was it worth it? Why or why not?
- Can you think of any "vacuums" in your life that God has created / allowed? How do they drive you?
- Why does God enter into *any* covenant with man? How does that affect your perception of Him and your relationship with Him?
- Describe a time or season when God apparently said "no" to something "good" you wanted. Has there ever been a realization of something greater afterward or beyond?
- Was Nathan's initial response to David to build the temple wrong (2 Samuel 7:3)? Why or why not? What are the implications for our prayer life?
- What do you suppose would have happened had David built the temple anyway? What has happened when *you* have gone ahead and done what you wanted despite God's prohibition?
- Read 2 Samuel 7:18-29. How did David respond when God said, "no," and what can we learn and apply from that?
- Read Ephesians 1:9-10. How is the Davidic covenant yet to be fulfilled? Why does it matter to us?
- Read Isaiah 55:1-3. In what sense is this already available, and in what sense is it not? How can we experience true joy right *now*, and what is it that guarantees that?

Memory Verses (Fighter Verses)

This Week: 2 Corinthians 1:20

Prayer Focus

For the Vision and Direction of Bethel – Both Campuses:

Bethel Bible Church will be a people that experience life-change together. May we live in fervent anticipation and expectation of His coming, and may we be His Presence by fulfilling His Purpose.

Missionary Support

The Church in China is experiencing tremendous growth. Estimates are that there are 130 million Christians in China with as many as 25,000 coming to Christ every day. The next great missionary force is growing from young believers there. Bethel missionaries William and Mary (not their real names) develop friendships and disciple students on a large university campus. Chinese Christians are specially suited to go to the final frontiers of closed countries and areas historically hostile to the Gospel due to the persecution they endure. In recent weeks "enforced disappearances" are on the rise. High profile Christian leaders are disappearing; they can be arrested and imprisoned secretly for up to six months without the ability to contact their family or obtain legal assistance.

1. Please pray for God to clearly plant the mission vision in the heart of the Chinese Church.
2. Please pray for deep discipling relationships for our friends serving there.
3. Please pray for the Church and the leaders to be strengthened and wise as they grow so rapidly.

In Response to the Text:

- Praising God for His faithfulness to fulfill every promise
- Praising God that His willingness to involve us in His plans, and that He works beyond us

Further Resources for Study and Preparation

They Kingdom Come: Tracing God's Kingdom Program and Covenant Promises – J. Dwight Pentecost
Dispensationalism – Charles C. Ryrie

Progressive Dispensationalism – Darrell Bock & Craig Blaising

Next Week's Text: Jeremiah 31