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Week One | Trust the Previews | 05.16-17.2020

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

Message Recap:

» Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is the best surprise you've ever experienced? What made it so special?
- Digging Deeper: What do you think prevents us from talking to God about the things in our lives?

» Observation | Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(15 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | **Victory comes through struggle.**

(15 minutes)

- How do you trust God in the middle of a difficult experience?
- What are some expectations, hopes, and dreams you are not able to experience because of COVID-19?
- How can God use the worst circumstances for good?

» Living With Disappointment | Reference 1 Samuel 16:1-5

(15 minutes)

- What disappointments are you living with right now?
- In what ways has God provided for you in disappointment?
- How can we live in the moment of disappointment and keep moving forward?
- Have you ever experienced a struggle that ended up in victory?

» Learning to Look Inward | Reference 1 Samuel 16:6-13

(15 minutes)

- What has taken the most time to achieve in your life?
- What did you want to accomplish during the quarantine? Have you done it?
- Why is it so difficult for us to accept who we are and who God has made us to be?
- What was the significance of the Holy Spirit in this moment with David?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- What is the struggle you are trying to avoid right now? What are some lessons you have learned from a struggle?
- What victory is worth the struggle you are facing right now?
- Close by praying for each other to not just settle for something but to search for what God has uniquely created us for.