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Week Three | Character Development | 05.30-31.2020

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: Character development matters more than we may realize. We define success with credit - getting what we want now and paying for it later. But God defines success with character - we pay for it now and we get it later.

» 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 something you got before you were ready for it?
- Digging Deeper: What happens when we get something at the wrong time? How do you handle this in the moment?

» Observation | Read 1 Samuel 24:1-22 (12 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 | **The right thing at the wrong time is the wrong thing.** (12 minutes)

- Describe a time in your life where you've been tempted to cut corners? What did you do? What did you learn?
- What are the things that help you continue to trust what God wants for you and **WHEN** God wants it for you?

» Hiding Out | Reference 1 Samuel 24:1-7 (12 minutes)

- Where do you feel the most safe in life? What makes this a safe place for you?
- David is living on the run from Saul; what fears do you think they were both living with?

» The Reveal | Reference 1 Samuel 24:8-15 (12 minutes)

- What is something people don't know about you? What does this reveal about you?
- Why do you think David refused to kill Saul when he had the chance? What does this reveal about David's character?

» Wake Up Calls | Reference 1 Samuel 24:16-22 (12 minutes)

- Describe a time when things worked out differently than you expected. How did you respond to this situation?
- How can you trust God with the bigger picture of your life? What does this look like in your life?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What is something you've been trying to put your timetable on over God's? How can your group help hold you accountable?
- Who are the people in your community that you can send a note to this week and see how they're doing?
- Close by praying for each other to allow God to work first on our character, ready to learn the lessons we need to learn now for later.