



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Week Two | Caring for Everybody | 02.13-14.2021

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: Maybe you find yourself with issues and pain that haven't gone away and you're not sure what to do with it. We can learn from someone who experienced unparalleled pain and how God showed up and taught him too.

» 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 scariest thing you've ever done?
- Digging Deeper: If the opposite of faith is fear, how does that show up in your life? How can you have faith over fear in relationships?

» Observation | Read Job 38:1-11; 40:4-5; 1 Peter 4:7-11

(12 minutes)

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

» Key Principle | Caring for everybody is impossible for anybody.

(12 minutes)

- How might you be working against God by not being present today in the way God wants you to?

» Remember How Big God Is | Reference Job 38:1-11

(12 minutes)

- Job was trying so hard to be faithful but the gap between his understanding and God was still so vast. How does God remind you of this?
- What are the ways that you can experience peace because of God's power?

» Remember How Small You Are | Reference Job 40:4-5

(12 minutes)

- How do you personally allow yourself to be reminded of your own frailty and need for God?

» Remember How God Made You | Reference 1 Peter 4:7-11

(12 minutes)

- What does love look like that reflects how God has made you and costs you something?
- What are some of the specific ways God has built YOU to love others?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- We are talking about the fact that each of us, with Jesus' help, is specifically gifted to love people as only we can. This week find something that fits who God made you to be. See if you can show love to your neighbors through that gifting from God.
- Close by praying for each other to trust God's power and faithfulness in the ways He is wanting to work in and through us this week.