

HAUNTED HOUSE

Week Three | Control | 10.30-31.2021

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: While so many of us want our homes to be safe and inviting spaces, many of us have found our homes and lives haunted by the unknown, broken, and controlled. The very place we desire to land at the end of a hard day has become the fortress of pain and paranoia. God invites our homes and lives to become places where the very love of Jesus gives way to love, freedom, courage, and strength.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - 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 that you have to have control over?
- Digging Deeper: What happens when you release control of that area to someone else? How do you respond?

» Observation | Read Psalm 34

(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 | When He Leads, You Can Live.

(12 minutes)

- What are some places we strive to control? What are the consequences of control?

» Praise | Reread Psalm 34:1-3;8-10

(12 minutes)

- What habits or rhythms would help you change your focus from working for God to praising Him?
- Praising God invites us into a place of refuge. What would refuge with God look like in your life?

» Pray | Reread Psalm 34:4-7;15-17

(12 minutes)

- Who or what do you turn to when life feels overwhelming? Why is it difficult to trust God with those things?
- What events or moments in your past are evidence that God is worthy of taking the lead in your life?

» Perseverance | Reread Psalm 34:18-22

(12 minutes)

- How would you know if you were letting God lead?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Who is someone who has trusted God more than themselves that you could learn from to live more freely? What do you notice from these examples that you can implement into your life?
- Close by praying for each other to release an area of control to God, trusting that He is enough to handle it.