



EYES TO SEE

Week One | Eyes to See Beauty | 03.26-27.2022

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.

Series Recap: With so much happening in our world right now that can pull our focus to the negative, to the painful, and to the problems we need to remember that there is still hope. Throughout all the lowest points of history, there has been a beautiful reminder from God of His love for us and His plan for humanity. Jesus' mission started before we were even alive and continues to this moment. When we see the masterpiece of His work and salvation for us we get to share that same hope with others this Easter season.

» 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: Where's the most beautiful place you've ever been?
- Digging Deeper: What are some ways we miss the beauty in the world around us?

» Observation | Read John 1:1-14

(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 we look around we can see a masterpiece we can join.

(12 minutes)

- Jesus' mission was not a new idea. What difference does it make in how you see God that Jesus was used to bring creation into being?

» Eternal Beauty | Reread John 1:1-5; Genesis 1:1-4; Colossians 1:15-20

(12 minutes)

- How does knowing "all things were created through him and for him" affect our faith?
- Does knowing that "in him all things hold together" change the way we view our circumstances?

» Announcing Beauty | Reread John 1:6-8; Isaiah 40:3-5; Mark 1:1-8

(12 minutes)

- How can our voices and actions be a path to Jesus for those close to us, but far from God?
- Is it more or less comforting to know that God is intentional and is working out His plan? Why?

» Embracing Beauty | Read John 1:9-14

(12 minutes)

- In what ways does being predestined, called, justified, and glorified give us permission to be salt and light in the world today?
- How does embracing the light and beauty of Jesus in your life help other people to see God's masterpiece of salvation through you?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How does eternal light and beauty change the way you see the pain of today in your life and the world?
- Close by praying for one another and thank God for the beauty in His creation that you get to enjoy.