



Week Two | Together We Stand | 04.30-05.01.2022

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: For some people, church is so scary because of where they've been or what they've done. There are things that everyone should know but we forget to tell people, let's remember or learn for the first time the hope we can have in God.

» 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: Who are the people in your life to whom you can trust the "dirty" details to?
- Digging Deeper: What obstacles or barriers prevent us from trusting people with the more personal parts of our lives?

» Observation | Read James 5:13-20 (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 | United we grow, divided we go. (12 minutes)

- What hinders your desire to connect with others? What makes you challenging for others to connect with?

» Grow with Others | Reread James 5:13-16; 1 Corinthians 12:26-27; Romans 12:3-8 (12 minutes)

- What is the difference between growth pains in solitude versus growth pains in community?
- How does the input of others protect us? Benefit us? Encourage us to share our gifts?

» Grow in Faith | Reread James 5:17-18; Luke 4:24-27; John 6:25-40 (12 minutes)

- Does the world's treasure truly satisfy? If we settle for that treasure, what does Jesus say we miss out on?
- Which is easier to crave from a savior: tangible relief from physical challenges, or salvation? Why?

» Grow in Judgment | Read James 5:19-20; Jude 22-24; John 4:34-38 (12 minutes)

- How does knowing that we are to have mercy for doubters change the way you view your own faith questions?
- If Jesus is able to keep us from stumbling, what hinders our labors to reach those wandering away from faith?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What is the impossible thing that you need to ask God for a miracle for? Take some time to pray together for them.
- Close by praying for one another's impossible miracle and trusting God with the outcome.