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“It struck me how hopeless the world is when God is factored out of the equation.”

[Lisa Beamer]

ICEBREAKER

Share about a time that you were uncertain, yet God showed you something wonderful or timely.

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

[Philippians 4:6-7]

BIG IDEA

In uncertainty, we must be open to the grace of confrontation or warning.

PASSAGES

- Selected passages from this week’s sermon

DISCUSSION

1. From this week’s sermon: *“Uncertainty is hard because its cousin is control, which is related to fear.”* How have you found yourself controlled by fear in an uncertain situation recently? What did that do inside of you? How did it affect others?

Isaiah 30:1-2

2. From this week’s sermon: *“Fear the flesh act, which is a decision or choice driven by something other than obedience and faith.”* How often do you notice yourself wanting to pursue a “flesh act” rather than what God wants for you? Why do you think that is?
3. From this week’s sermon: *“God is not concerned about our ‘beliefs’ per se, but our functional faith (how we navigate our journey and actually live).”* What about the way you “actually live” seems to be in contrast with God’s will right now?

Isaiah 31:1-2

4. Where or how are you currently trusting in human wisdom, abilities, and plans rather than God’s wisdom, power, and words? What’s the invitation from God about that?

Isaiah 42:8

5. How do you think God feels about us searching for solutions that are not His?
6. From this week's sermon: "God's greatest gifts often come in improbable packages." What gift from God might you be overlooking right now? How could you put yourself in the right posture or attitude to see those kinds of gifts?

Isaiah 30:15-16

7. From this week's sermon: "We are often willing to be delivered, but not go deeper." How is God trying to give you the gift of deeper rest, wisdom, or grace? How can you embrace that deeper gift?

Isaiah 30:18

8. God's compassion and mercy is never meant to stay only with us. Who is someone you can show His compassion or mercy to? How could you do that?

Psalms 130:5 and Ephesians 6:17-18

9. In what ways can we put our hope in God's word, both personally and in community with one another?
10. How is the Spirit inviting you to trust Him to stay alert through prayer? Why is that hard for you at times?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE

Based on the Holy Spirit's prompting today, **what is a step of obedience that you can take?** Here are three invitations to consider in the uncertainty ...

- How is God inviting you away **FROM** unbelief?
- How is God inviting you to deeper intimacy **WITH** Him?
- How is God inviting you to greater dependency **ON** Him?

PRAYER FOCUS

Decisions

- How we make decisions can be off limits to Jesus. Pray for one another to have the courage to surrender the decision making process to Jesus.
- Consider sharing with a friend in your group a decision that you need to make in the near future. Ask them to cover you in prayer as you go through the decision making process.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE *Optional*

Centering prayer is a practice that leads one into the inner room of the soul and can usher you deeper into prayer, opening yourself up to the transforming power of God's grace more readily!

- [Centering Prayer](https://rockbridge.cc/centering-prayer-2) or rockbridge.cc/centering-prayer-2