

MISSING



real hope when
life doesn't make sense

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Viewer Guides without Answers.

Missing Pieces: Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense

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Group Session

Video Notes

God does _____, _____, and _____ our questions.

When we're _____ we wonder where God is.

God wants to fill the missing pieces with _____.

We don't want to just know _____ God. We want to _____ God.

Conversation Guide

1. Consider a "low point" that made you want to give up. What, if anything, prevented you from taking your hard questions to the Lord in that situation?
2. How might humbly presenting your questions to God illustrate your faith in Him?
3. Identify holes in your own blanket of faith. What about the analogy most resonates with you?

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God's _____ of _____ was always perfect.

We're the _____ who needs God.

Conversation Guide

1. The Israelites only noticed they lacked meat when God provided manna. What perceived "lacks" tend to take your focus off of God's provision?
2. How might you demonstrate to God that He alone is your portion?
3. Share with the group specific manna (provisions) with which God has gifted you in recent months—even those that seemed more bitter than sweet.

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God only gives us what is _____.

God does not give us what we _____.

God is right in _____, yet it may not seem _____.

Conversation Guide

1. Share with the group a time when God did not answer a prayer in the manner you desired. How did He administer grace in that situation?
2. Explain the beauty behind the truth that God does not give us what we deserve. What does this tell you about God?
3. How can you combat the temptation to think that you should have every want met in just the way you desire?

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God is _____ in our _____.

Gideon did not _____ the presence of God.

“_____” is not a statement of present. “_____” is a statement of present.

God is I _____, He is not I _____ or
I _____.

Conversation Guide

1. What things hinder you from living in the now?
2. Share about a time when you focused on the “if” rather than trusting the presence of God in your present.
3. How might you actively demonstrate to God that you are resting in the reality of His presence?

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When we compare ourselves to _____, we can feel _____.

Consider yourself "_____."

God Himself _____ to make you great (see Ps. 18:35).

When you hear your own name, you know that _____.

Conversation Guide

1. Share with the group a time when you felt insignificant. What role did comparison play in that situation?
2. How does the knowledge that you are in-significant change the way you feel about yourself? About God?
3. How should you respond to the truth that you matter to God? That He knows and seeks you?

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Different responses to unanswered prayer:

Angie _____

Bonnie _____

Connie _____

Matilda _____

Vicky _____

When we pray, we:

_____ God's power.

_____ to His will.

Conversation Guide

1. How do you typically respond to unanswered prayer?
2. What's the difference between appealing to God's power and appealing to His will?
3. Consider a situation in which you've repeatedly asked the Lord for help or healing. How can you demonstrate to Him that you will trust His heart toward you in that instance—even if you can't see Him intervening?

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Psalm 18:30, "His way is _____."

Even when we make _____, God's plan cannot be _____.

God's plan for you is to _____ in the _____ of what He has already _____.

Blessed is the woman who doesn't quit because she has _____ in her blanket of faith.

Conversation Guide

1. What's the difference between resisting God and resting in Him? How can you move from resistance to rest?
2. Without using names, share about a situation in which God turned the mess of someone's life into a masterpiece.
3. How will the assurance that God will use the missing pieces of your life as part of His perfect plan for you impact your faith journey?

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