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Matthew 1:17; 2 Peter 3:9

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Genesis 12:3; 2 Samuel 7:12-16

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Discussion Questions - Week #3

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, “Just a List of Names?” summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Do you plan to take any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

What’s the longest you’ve ever waited in line for something? Was it worth it?

Are you the kind of person who enjoys anticipating something, or would you rather skip the waiting and get right to it?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Throughout Scripture, God often works through people and circumstances we might not expect. In the opening chapter of 1 Samuel, we’re introduced to Hannah, a woman whose circumstances seem anything but promising. Yet God is at work in ways that neither Hannah nor the people around her fully understand.

Read 1 Samuel 1:1–20.

How would you describe Hannah’s circumstances at the beginning of the story?
What makes her situation particularly difficult?

Eli completely misunderstands Hannah’s behavior when he sees her praying.
What assumptions does he make, and what might we learn from his mistake?

Hannah doesn’t know what role Samuel will eventually play in Israel’s history.
How might her story encourage us to trust that God is at work even when we can’t see what He’s accomplishing?

What helps us remain patient and trust God when His answers seem a long time in coming?

Where in your life might God be asking you to trust Him, even though you can’t see what He’s doing?

2. Throughout the Bible, God frequently works in ways that challenge human expectations. When Mary learns that she will give birth to Jesus, she responds with a song of praise celebrating God’s faithfulness and the surprising ways He works. Her words also connect what God is doing through Jesus to promises made centuries earlier.

Read Luke 1:46–55.

What stands out to you about Mary’s response to what God is doing in her life?

In verses 51–53, Mary describes several surprising reversals. What do these reveal about God’s character? How might they challenge our expectations about how God works?

Why do you think Mary connects what God is doing through Jesus to His promises to Abraham (verses 54–55)? What does this reveal about God’s faithfulness?

Mary celebrates what God is doing even though the full implications are still unfolding. How might her example help us trust God when we can’t yet see what He’s accomplishing?

Mary’s song challenges conventional ideas about power, success, and importance. Where might our culture’s definition of what matters most differ from what God values?

What are some ways our assumptions about what makes a person important or successful might keep us from recognizing how God is at work?

FOR PRACTICE

One of the challenges of following Jesus is that we don’t always recognize what God is doing. We want answers, we want things to happen on our timetable, and we sometimes assume we understand more than we do. Yet Scripture reminds us that God is faithfully accomplishing His purposes, often in unexpected ways. This week, when you encounter situations you don’t understand or circumstances that test your patience, ask yourself: What might I be missing? Bring those situations to God in prayer, asking Him for the humility to recognize you don’t know everything, the expectancy that He is still at work, and the willingness to obey what He’s already revealed.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for our mission partners in India. Pray that God would give them health to continue running the race He has called them to. Praise God that the Spirit is leading them in fruitful ministry among their Muslim neighbors. That said, the enemy does not give up territory easily. Pray for their protection and the Kingdom’s continued advance.