

C3 GROUP QUESTIONS

S2021-WEEK 8

3/21/21

Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- At what point in your life have you found yourself the most discouraged?
- What is the most discouraging place you have ever been to?
- Share about a time when you were discouraged, and someone encouraged you.

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture/Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

1) Scripture/Observation:

- A. Read Romans 15:4. What verse or passage of scripture do you go to when you need encouragement?
- B. Read 2 Corinthians 7:5-7. How did God encourage Paul and his companions when they were discouraged?
- C. Read Ephesians 4:29. What should be the goal of our words?
- D. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. What should motivate us to encourage each other more?

2) **Application:** Encouragement Plan of Action: 1) Write down the name of someone(s) you believe the Lord is laying on your heart to encourage. 2) Write down what actions you will take to encourage them (ex. – written note or card, text, email, verbal, take them to lunch, etc.)

3) **Prayer:** Before you begin your prayer to God for encouragement to endure your current situation please read and meditate on the following passages from scripture:

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“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9, NLT)

“But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31, NLT)

“The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?” (Psalm 27:1, NLT)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” (Proverbs 3:5, 6, NLT)

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33, NLT)

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7, NLT)