

# MISSING



real hope when  
life doesn't make sense

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Viewer Guides without Answers.

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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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# Group Session 2



## Video Notes

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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# Group Session 4

## Video Notes

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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