Small Groups

DISCUSSION GUIDE

"RESET"

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AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Choose a few questions from the guide that you feel will generate the most discussion in your group.

GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- Have you ever had a situation where you initially thought something was bad, disappointing, or frustrating, but later discovered it turned out to be a blessing?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **Have someone read Philippians 1:2–21.** The message begins with the idea that sometimes we don't necessarily need a change in our circumstances as much as we need a change in our perspective. What do you think that means? Can you think of an area of life where a change in perspective might make a difference?
- **Paul wrote a letter filled with joy while sitting in a Roman prison.** What does that teach us about the difference between happiness and joy? Why is it so difficult to maintain joy when life isn't going the way we planned?
- **We all have a WHAT but don't understand the WHY.** Think about a difficult season you've experienced. Was there a time when you found yourself asking God, "Why is this happening?" Why do you think we naturally want answers when things don't make sense?
- **The message reminds us that God always has a WHY behind the WHAT.** How does believing God is in control change how we approach difficult circumstances? How do we hold on to that truth when we don't see what God is doing?
- **I don't have to understand the WHY to trust God in the WHAT.** Have someone read Proverbs 3:5–6. What does it mean to trust the Lord with all your heart and not lean on your own understanding? What makes that difficult in real life?
- Pastor challenged us to stop asking only "WHY?" and begin asking, "Now WHAT?" How might those two questions lead to very different responses when facing a difficult situation?
- **Have someone read Philippians 1:12–14.** Paul recognized that his imprisonment was actually advancing the Gospel. Have you ever seen God use a difficult circumstance to accomplish something you never expected? What might God want to do through a situation you're facing today?
- **Have someone read Philippians 1:15–18.** Paul knew that some people were preaching Christ with selfish motives, yet he chose to focus on the fact that Christ was being preached. What can we learn from Paul's ability to keep the main thing the main thing?

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

- James & Wendy Wright (Nicholas, Elijah, Lexie) – ***AGWM Kids/Communications***
- Abe & Jill Sobczak (Easton) – ***Peninsular Asia***

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday–Tuesday, November 22–24** – Help decorate Victory for Christmas. Please sign up at the Info Desk.
- **Wednesday, November 25** – Thanksgiving Communion Service at 6:30 PM, North Campus.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – Volunteer to ring the bell at the 98 North Walmart. Sign up at the Salvation Army table in the lobby.