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1824 GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GROUP PREP

In preparation for group, <u>watch Emmanuel's weekend service message</u>, then answer the following discussion questions.

CHECK-IN TIME

Talk about what you did last week to complete your action step.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

We were designed to make progress. We were designed to move forward, and we are our happiest when are progressing. God has created for us an abundant life, and part of that is growing in His likeness to fulfill the purpose He laid before us. Yet so often we find ourselves stuck, struggling to take the next step forward. To continue our progress, we must become unreasonable. Sometimes that means facing danger and finding delight.

- 1. How would you personally define danger? What is your typical response to a dangerous situation?
- 2. Danger does not always mean don't and the right kind of danger is worth walking into. What tools do you use to discern what is the right kind of danger and what is reckless danger? Do you lean more into what others say or what God says?
- 3. Read <u>Acts 21:11-13</u>. Paul was begged by other believers not to go to Jerusalem. He knew he was moving within God's will, even if it was dangerous. When have you trusted God and moved within His will despite danger?

Where did you face discomfort as you moved? How were you provided for through that discomfort?

- 4. Read <u>2 Corinthians 4:17-18</u>. Is there any part of your life currently where you're letting a temporary discomfort keep you from future delight? What can you do to overcome that?
- 5. Willingness to face the "right danger" gives us the opportunity for abundant life in the present and eternity to follow. What "right" danger do you need to walk into this week in order to grow in your faith? How do you plan to face that danger?

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ACTION STEP

Choose one of the following or create your own. Consider finding an accountability partner within your group to walk alongside you this week.

- **Memorize Scripture:** As a way to hold the comforter in discomfort. Consider <u>2 Corinthians 4:17-18, Acts 20:24, Jeremiah 29:11</u>, or James1:2-4
- **Practice Solitude:** Spend some time in solitude on a daily walk, in a comfortable space in your home, or in your car before work. Ask God in that time to help you see where you might be letting danger or discomfort discourage you from moving forward.
- Read: Dying for a Purpose by Micah McElveen
- **Dream Big:** Spend some time writing down the dreams you have that feel impossible or dangerous. What does God say about those dreams? If it's aligned with scripture, become unreasonably focused on accomplishing those dreams.
- **Get Accountable:** Find a friend, share the changes you are going to make and allow them space to hold you accountable to those changes.
- **Daily time with God**: Determine the type of routine you'd like to have that allows you to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:

• <u>Download the Emmanuel app</u> and read the One Year New Testament daily.

 If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.

PRAYER

Ask your group to share two things

- Prayer requests for themselves and the people in their lives.
- Ask also for any reason to praise, it is great to come to God in thanksgiving for all He has done.

Keep note of the burdens in people's life and notice when God moves in those areas specifically. We believe God will see prayers become praise and it is an opportunity to increase our faith when we are in the position to bring that to light.

GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Partner with Emmanuel Church and INSOLE as we seek to support our local police department with birthday bags! For information on how to get involved reach out to Breanne De Avila at bdeavila@eclife.org .

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10 | Serve Week Begins September 17 | Family Adventure September 22 | 1824 Experience You can find more information on all of these events at <u>eclife.org.</u>