

Small Groups

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“COURAGE FOR THE CLIMB ” PART 5

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

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Review your notes from the Sunday message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions before your group meeting.
- Choose a few questions from the guide that will generate the most discussion in your group.

GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- Share one “high point” (a win, joy, or blessing) and one “hurdle” (a challenge or test) from your week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have someone read James 1: 2,3, 12.
- James says to “consider it pure joy” when we face tests. Why is that so hard to do in real life?
What do you think God is trying to accomplish through testing?
- How do you typically respond when life gets hard—do you question God, avoid the challenge, or lean into Him?
- What helps you keep trusting during a “pop quiz” moment in your faith?
- When has God asked you to make a move (literally or spiritually) without showing you the full picture?
Have someone read Hebrews 11:8.
- What does it take to trust God when He says “Go,” but doesn’t say “Where”?
- Are you currently waiting on something God has promised or that you’ve prayed for?
Have someone read Hebrews 11:9-10.
- What does it look like to stay faithful during a season of delay, rather than discouraged or bitter?
Have you ever faced a situation that seemed humanly impossible?
- What’s a difficult or painful situation in your life that just doesn’t make sense?
Have someone read Hebrews 11:17-19.
- What’s one step of faith you feel God is calling you to take this week, even if you don’t have all the answers?
How can we pray for one another to have courage for the climb we’re each facing?

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Aaron & Heather Santmyire (Isabelle and Josiah) – Africa House Care - *Kenya*
- Amy & Marco Sardella – *Zambia*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 1– Remember all **Victory Life** classes, support groups, Royal Rangers, Girls Ministries, and VSC! Visit victorylakeland.com/classes to learn more.

Sunday, October 5, 10:45 AM– Join us for **GrowTrack** each Sunday morning in the GrowTrack Room at 10:45. You will learn about the Vision and Mission of Victory Church.