

Small Groups

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“COURAGE FOR THE CLIMB ” PART 3

PASTOR BLACKBURN AND PASTOR JEFF SELLERS – SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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):

“Tell about a time you failed at something — big or small — but can laugh about it now.”

Examples: cooking disaster, missed flight, wardrobe malfunction, etc.

This helps lighten the mood before delving into a more serious conversation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have someone read Job 17:11.
- Have you ever felt like Job — that your plans and dreams were shattered?
What was that season like for you? How did you respond initially?
- What do you think it means to have ‘courage for the climb’ after failure?
What scriptures have helped build courage in your life?
- How do you personally balance planning and trusting God?
What’s one area of your life you could plan more wisely?
- When has godly counsel saved you from a mistake?
- What’s something you’ve wanted to give up on — but didn’t?
Have you ever followed your feelings instead of God’s Word?
Is there something God is asking you to change your mind about? Have someone read Philippians 3:13-16.
- What’s your personal “needlepoint mess” right now — the part of life that looks chaotic?
- What would it look like to trust that God is making something beautiful out of it?
Have someone read Romans 8:28.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Ken & Kendra Doult (Kaden, Kaleb, and KyAnna) – **Nicaragua**
- Jeffrey & Michele Dove – **Life Publishers International**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 15 – Fall Small Groups kick off today! Visit victorylakeland.org/groups to find yours.

Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 PM– Remember all **Victory Life** classes, support groups, Royal Rangers, Girls Ministries, and VSC! Visit victorylakeland.com/classes to learn more.

Saturday, September 27, 7:30 AM– **Men’s Breakfast** will be in the Family Life Center and our guest speaker is Coach Tommy Brown. Tickets are only \$10 and are available in the lobby.