

DISCUSSION GUIDE

PASTOR BLACKBURN & PASTOR JEFF SELLERS - "STRONGER THAN THE STRUGGLE"
OCTOBER 6, 2024

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):

· If you had more free time, what hobby would you like to spend more time doing?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have someone read Romans 7:15-25. What struggles do you currently face, and how do they affect your life?
- How has your faith helped you during challenging times? Can you share a specific instance where you felt strengthened? Have someone read Isaiah 41:10.
- The pastor mentioned six emotional consequences of trying to do things ourselves. Those consequences are confusion, guilt, compulsions, self-condemnation, frustration, and discouragement. Of those listed, which one do you struggle with the most? How can our small group better support one another during a difficult season? Have someone read Philippians 4:6-7.
- Can you think of a time when a struggle led to personal growth or a change in perspective? How did that change affect you?
- How can we remind ourselves and each other that we are "more than conquerors?" What practical steps can we take to keep this truth in focus? Have someone read James 5:16 and Philippians 4:13.
- How can we pray for each other regarding our current struggles? What specific requests do you have?
- · What was the most meaningful statement or scripture you heard in this Sunday's message?

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Jon & Sara Hamilton (Selah, Jack, Hudson, Samuel, and Josiah) — *Himalayan Plateau* Tommy & Sharon Harris — *Dominican Republic*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 9 - Canceled due to Hurricane Milton.

Sunday, October 13 - Join us for GrowTrack each Sunday morning at 10:45 in the GrowTrack Room. You will learn about Victory Church's vision and mission.