



God's Plan

Week 2 - God Doesn't Need a "Plan B"

Discussion Guide

Sure, we'd like to live out God's plan perfectly, but we mess up. Sometimes, it's someone else who messes up our plan. What then? Does God have a back-up plan? God doesn't need a "Plan B" because His plan isn't just a plan. His plan is a promise!

Jump Start

1. Talk about a time when you felt like quitting something, but now realize that situation helped you in the long run.
2. How does the meaning of the word "plan"—compared to the word "promise"—affect your ability to follow God?
3. What happens when people try to "help" make God's plan happen in their own way rather than His way?
4. **Read 2 Peter 3:9 and 2 Timothy 2:11-13.** Is God's promise to you conditional? How do these passages encourage you to keep going, even if you feel God's plan has been derailed?
5. Final Thought: **Read Romans 8:18, Romans 8:28, and James 1:2-4.** When we look at our lives, and all the things have happened, it can be easy to get our thoughts stuck in a negative rut. However, when we begin to see things from God's eternal perspective, we begin to see how everything can be worked together for us. How can we try to see things from God's perspective and learn to look past our own circumstances?

Deeper

6. People don't always follow through on the plans they have made. However, God's plan is a promise, so He always follows through. Look at some examples from the Bible where we see God's plans carried out as promises. Use biblegateway.com (or your favorite bible study tool) to look them up. Some examples to get you started, but try and find others on your own.

Abraham: I will give you countless decedents. (Genesis 17)

Gideon: I will be with you and use you to deliver my people. (Judges 6)

David: I will make your house strong, and your successor will build my house, a house of kings. (2 Samuel 7)