



Christmas At The Cove

Part 2 – I Promise

Discussion Guide

God makes a lot of promises in the Bible. The New Testament makes it clear that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy and promise. As we begin to prepare for the Christmas season, this week we'll look at the promises God has for us and what they mean for our lives.

Jump Start

Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God's truth, and apply it to our week.

1. When was a time you made a promise, but weren't able to follow through?
2. **Read [Psalm 18:30](#) and [Psalm 46:1](#).** What do these verses promise us? What is the premise in order to receive the promise? Why should you rely on God's way rather than your own?
3. **Read [Joshua 23:14](#).** Joshua tells us that we know in our hearts and souls that not one word from God has failed. Do you feel that way? When was the last time you experienced one of God's promises come to pass? How can you remember that God never fails?
4. **Read [Psalm 37:4](#).** What does it mean to "delight yourself in the Lord"? How are you able to delight in the Lord, even when you are going through deep valleys? How can you get better at delighting in the Lord so His intentions can be shown in your life?
5. Final Thought: **Read [2 Peter 3:9](#).** Why is it so hard for us to be patient, just as God is patient, while we are waiting for Him to answer or move on our behalf? What is this verse telling us that God's main goal is for us? Why is it so important to God that all people reach that steppingstone of repentance? How can you work on being patient and preparing for God's promises this week?

Deeper

Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study. These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with your group throughout the week.

6. **Read [2 Samuel 7:21](#) and [28](#).** The prophet Nathan has come to rebuke King David because of his sin (see 2 Samuel, chapter 7). Nathan tells David of God's coming judgment. Why does King David

continue to praise God even in this season? Why does he give God glory for all of the things He has allowed him to have and to accomplish?

7. Read the verses below and write out God's promises. If a particular promise seems to be spoken to you and your situation, write it out. Have it pop up on your calendar; print it out and tape it to the fridge or your bathroom mirror. Actively claim and choose to believe that God's promises are for you and your situation.

[Exodus 14:14](#)

[Exodus 20:12](#)

[Isaiah 40:29, 31](#)

[Isaiah 41:10](#)

[Isaiah 54:17](#)

[James 1:5](#)

[James 4:7](#)

[1 John 1:9](#)

[1 Chronicles 7:14](#)

[Deuteronomy 31:8](#)

[John 3:16](#)

[John 8:36](#)

[Malachi 3:10](#)

[Mark 11:24](#)

[Joshua 1:9](#)

[Philippians 1:6](#)

[Philippians 4:13](#)

[Philippians 4:19](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:7](#)

[Psalms 18:3](#)

[Psalms 50:15](#)

[Psalms 86:5](#)

[Proverbs 22:6](#)

[Revelation 3:5](#)

[Romans 8:28](#)