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Part 3 – The End Is Only the Beginning Discussion Guide

Your next season will be your best season. It probably will not be because of finances or ease, but because this will be a season in which you have a renewed faith and see God at work. Your next season will not be measured by the highs and lows, but by how closely you walk with Christ through every situation.

Jump Start

1. What is one tradition, family dynamic, or personality trait you hope will never change? Why?
2. Read [John 21:6-7; 17-19, and Luke 9:62](#). What is the memory, person, or fear that you find hard to release? To what are you clinging which God is trying to help you grow through? How does [Luke 9:62](#) teach us to move forward?
3. Read [Matthew 16:18](#). Jesus gave Peter a promise, even when he felt undeserving. Read [Isaiah 43:18-19 and 2 Corinthians 5:17](#). What new thing is God wanting to do in your life? How can you adjust your viewpoint about these changes?
4. Read [2 Corinthians 12:9-10](#). Your past failures will be building blocks for your future. Read [Ephesians 4:22-24](#). What old habits will not help you in this new season? How can you use those failures to push you forward and not hold you back?
5. Read [Psalm 23](#). “Comparison is the thief of joy” - President Theodore Roosevelt. When we look at what God is doing for someone else, it may rob us of taking joy in what He is doing in our own lives. In what ways do you find yourself struggling with comparison? Contentment? Is it entirely wrong to want what someone else has or does? How does [Psalm 23](#) help you to embrace contentment?

Current Prayer Focus

What we're praying for together as a church:

- For the pain people are feeling due to loss. For Cove families experiencing death and grief.
- Peace in place of anxiety.
- Provision for people; finances and ability to go back to work. Pray for the millions laid off.

Deeper

This week, we will look deeper into who we are becoming in this season. Take some time to reflect on these questions and make a plan of action for each day, working towards becoming the person God has called you to be. It is okay if you do not have the answers to each question. Ask God to help you let go of the hard things, learn from them, and move forward in His timing

10 Questions to Help Process the New Season:

1. Who do you want to be in the next season?
2. What will matter to you then, and what will be left behind?
3. How would you describe your current level of busyness on a week-to-week basis?
4. How does this busyness keep you from becoming the person you know God is calling you to be?
5. What's one thing you most want to cultivate in this next season?
6. What challenges did you experience in this past season, and what lessons did you learn from them?
7. Who helped you in this season? Who are you grateful for? (Go tell them!)
8. What do you fear about this next season?
9. How will your faith help you to overcome this fear?
10. What does the Bible teach us about Fear?

Envision your Next Season:

1. If you could envision your best season, what would it look like?
2. Where would you spend your time?
3. Who would you spend your time with?
4. How would you spend your mornings, evenings, days?
5. What would you do regularly?
6. How would you feel at the end of your day?

Make it plain:

[Habakkuk 2:2](#) teaches us to write down the vision and make it plain. Take some time to really pray and meditate on what God is telling you your next season will look like.

Some verses to help you stay encouraged as you plan:

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14, NIV)

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:19, NIV)