

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: 75th Anniversary

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Message: Hope in God's Word

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Memory Verse: Psalm 78:4,6

...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done... so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** God is faithful to move and bless when we share the gospel and live out His mission.

## Read John 5:39-40

1. The Jewish leaders were seeking eternal life through the Scriptures but missing the person of Jesus. How can something like this still happen today?
2. The religious leaders failing to see Jesus in the Old Testament speaks to the difference between knowing about God and having a relationship with God. When you read the Bible, do you tend to seek knowledge or a deeper relationship with Jesus? How can we do both well?
3. Jesus declares that the Scriptures testify about Him (v. 39). If someone asked you how the Bible points to Jesus, how would you explain it? How does this passage inform us about the way we should approach reading and understanding the Old Testament text today?

## Read John 6:66-69

4. God's message for us is not always easy to hear and can cause some people to no longer follow Jesus (v. 66). What are some "hard teachings" of Jesus that you struggle to accept or understand? In what ways is following Jesus today still challenging or countercultural?



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5. Jesus asks His closest disciples if they want to leave Him (v.67). Have you ever been in a moment where you had a choice to either stick with your faith or walk away? What helped you? How can you encourage someone else who may be struggling with their faith or questioning whether to follow Jesus?
6. Responding to Jesus' question about leaving, Peter responds with, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" (v.68). Where do your friends turn for guidance in their lives? What is your go-to source when seeking wisdom for life? What does it look like to "turn to Jesus" when you are seeking wisdom or direction?
7. Despite the challenge of Jesus' message, Peter responds with confidence that Jesus has the "words of eternal life" (v. 68). How have you personally experienced God's Word bringing you hope? What verses do you regularly bring to your recollection when they are needed?
8. Peter says with confidence, "We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God" (v. 69). What gives you confidence in your faith? How did you first come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

Reach out to anyone who couldn't participate with your Small Group and make a personal connection with them this coming week (call, text, email, or personal face-to-face conversation.) Let them know they were missed, and you look forward to seeing them next time.



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