



ABIDE The CARE

ICEBREAKER

What's your green thumb like? What has been your greatest challenge and reward when it comes to gardening?

SCRIPTURE RECITING

From Memory: Recite aloud as a group from memory Psalm 23. Once you have done this, have someone read it.

What part of this scripture is most meaningful to you and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

• **Read:** John 15:1

Jesus told us that God is the Gardener. A gardener carefully works the soil, applies fertilizer and or pulls out weeds. **How do you see God gardening your life? How has the Gardener given you everything you need to grow spiritually healthy and strong?**

• Stresses will come and storms will hit. They will have different names attached to them but they all have one thing in common, they will tempt us to become anxious and worry. They will cause us to doubt God's care for us. While we cannot control all these sort of things which happens to us, we do have a choice in how we respond to them. **How do you respond to stresses/storms? With fear or faith? With worry or worship? Share how God has helped you overcome your worry?**

• Think of ways God has been intervening in your life to bring goodness into your life. **List all the ways God has been good to you recently. Take turns and share one way with your group.**

• **Read:** Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. — Romans 8:28

Share about a time in your life when God brought goodness out of bad circumstances.

• **Read:** Psalm 103:9-13
Micah 7:18-19
Lamentations 3:22-23
Hebrews 4:14-16

After you have read these scriptures take some time and think on the mercy of God toward each of us. **What spoke to you the loudest from these selected verses and how does the verse impact your life?**

• **Read:** 1 Corinthians 2:9

Part of God's provision for us is eternity in Heaven with Him. **What excites you about this promise?**

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Take it a step further and keep adding to your list in the left column. Read Psalm 103 and meditate on what you read and attach God's Word to how He has been pouring goodness into your life.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

In your sorrow, in your storm, look to God. Acknowledge Him, put your faith in Him, worship Him and stand for His truth and know He is able to work good from it. Share with someone how God is working good in your life during a storm.

MEMORY VERSE

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. — **Psalm 23:6**

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