

HINDSIGHT IS 2020

Lessons learned
from chaos

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IT'S A TEST
Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

We're all in the same storm but in different vessels. How are you using the tests from 2020 to prepare the vessel of your life for 2021? Pastor Mitch Rose, Lead Pastor, City Hills Church, San Antonio, brings us a message of encouragement to not only go through the tests but to grow through them.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- James 1:2-4
- John 6:5-6
- 1 Samuel 17
- Luke 16:10
- Deuteronomy 8:15-16
- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- God says in the Bible that He won't tempt us, but He will test us. What is the difference between a temptation and a test?
- Identify a test God allowed you to endure. Did you go through it or did you grow through it?
- Our lives are filled with opportunities known as proving grounds: Share about challenges in 2020 that, upon hindsight, were proving grounds for you. What were the results? What do you wish you had known at this time last year?
- It has been said that once you pass a test, you never have to repeat it. What test(s) are you continuing to fail? How can the group pray for you and help you to pass the test?
- Looking back, what did God save you from last year?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- The Test of Small Things: How can you do more with what you have?
- The Wilderness Test: What steps can you take to make the changes that progress requires of you?
- The Test of Time: What will help you get better with time (like wine) rather than bitter (like milk)?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Your perspective will determine your outcome. Pray for each other that your perspectives will change to move you from the wilderness sooner rather than later.

LEADER TIPS

- In the spirit of the new year, what is a goal that you have? What are you willing to do (or not do) to attain it? Share your goal(s) for 2021 with your coach so they can pray for you and hold you accountable.