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THE LAND OF NOTHING
Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

When we find ourselves in a season of drought, the enemy wants us to get stuck there. Pastor Shawn McGill, Lead Pastor of Lifepoint Louisville, gave us two strategies to move through the land of nothing: Determine to walk by faith, focusing on the sound of what is to come, even if we cannot see it. And, keep a persistent prayer life, looking for even small clouds that can bring great rain. Are you ready to receive God's rain?

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- 1 Kings 18:1, 41-46
- Luke 4:25
- James 5:17-18
- Hebrews 11:1
- 1 Kings 19

TALK IT OVER

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

- What is your typical reaction when you become fearful in a season of drought?
- What areas of your life are you experiencing drought that no one would suspect? What is keeping you from asking others to help you look for the rain?
- Persistence requires consistent prayer. How do you maintain that level of persistence in the land of nothing?
- Why do you think God sometimes uses a seemingly small, insignificant thing like a small cloud as a sign of abundance to come?
- How can you make sure you are prepared to see a small rain cloud arise in your life and receive God's rain?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Commit to specific ways you will walk by faith and not by sight and stay in a posture of persistent prayer.

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.

- Pray for something specific this week. Do it seven times and journal what you see during those seven days. Look and listen for rain. Pray for each other to see even the smallest of clouds.

LEADER TIPS

- Stress to your group members the importance of applying what God reveals to them. Encourage your group members to have an accountability partner to help ensure they are taking action and not just being a listener only. (James 1:22)