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Session 1: Prepare for Better

Psalm 90, John 10:10

We want all aspects of our lives to be better: our homes, jobs, families, and relationship with God. Sometimes, though, we get complacent in life or busy with our routines and lose sight of where we're headed. But what if God has designed something "better" than our current life?

1. We are all on a quest for a better life. In our search, we often find that the world defines success. What are some ways we can hear God's voice?
2. Life and the things of life are temporal. What "temporal" things are holding you back from experiencing the "better" place God might have in store for you?
3. God came to give you a better life! What can you do starting this week to begin walking in that place?

Are you ready for something better? In this life, the world can only offer its definition of normal, but God didn't come to give a "normal" life! Instead, He called every one of us to a higher place and a higher calling in Him!

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Session 2: Start Backwards

Isaiah 58:8-9, Exodus 13:17, Psalm 127:1,
Jeremiah 29:11

Sometimes it feels like there are seasons when God has left us alone. But if there is anything we learn quickly about God, it is that He always has something better in the works—although it frequently feels like it happens in reverse order.

1. God sometimes asks us to walk down paths in an order that seems backwards, but He always sees our journey through until the end. What does that mean to you for your life situations?
2. When has obedience to the small things in your life led to more extraordinary things?
3. Scripture tells us that faith believes in advance for things that only make sense in reverse. How can you grow in your faith this week for situations that don't make sense right now?

Let today be a reminder: God's ways are higher than ours, and His thoughts are greater than ours! So when God says He has a plan to prosper and to give you a future, we should trust that something better is always on the way—even when it appears to start backwards.

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Session 3: Better Means New

Genesis 2:9, Isaiah 43:11, Revelation 22:21

Through the entirety of Scripture, we see that God wants to give us a better life. What looked grim in Genesis because of sin became grace in Revelation because of Jesus. We simply have to put our trust in Jesus to experience the process of being made better by being made new.

1. Consequences for our actions are a part of life, but even they often lead to something better for us. In what ways have past consequences of your actions affected you for the better?
2. Life on our terms will always fail, and if we're honest, we've tried on our own too many times. So which areas in your life can you relinquish to God for the better?
3. When God says He is doing a new thing in you, it's better than anything we can imagine! Share a moment when you allowed God total control and the outcome was better than expected.

What God created at the beginning of your life is terrific, but what God has in the end is better! When we place our trust in Him, we have hope that the future will be better than the beginning. With God, better means new!

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Session 4: Better Has a Name

Hebrews 1:3-6, Ecclesiastes 7:8, Psalm 118:18,
Psalm 34:18

Opening Remarks:

We've all been in situations where we thought we knew better, only to find out that someone, somewhere, knew a whole lot more! Those are prime growth opportunities to learn for the better, and you won't soon forget their name!

Watch the Session 4 Video

Discussion Questions:

1. Share an instance when your own thinking has gotten ahead of God.
2. All forms of pain are authentic to each of us: spiritually, physically, emotionally, and mentally. It's hard to see the glory on the other side when we go through these forms of pain. What are some ways you have been able to overcome these moments?
3. When you understand that pain is temporal and Jesus is eternal, how does that change your outlook?

Closing Remarks:

Better is not a scale of success defined by the world, or even an accumulation of stuff; better is a person with a name—Jesus! He is the author and finisher of our faith; in Him, all things are possible! Because of Him, you and I can lead a better life! God has better for you and me!

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