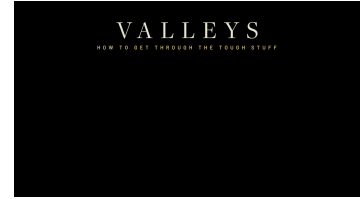


LG Questions

Spring 23 Wk 8



Transformed by Trouble

Big Idea: God gives us treasure in dark places.

Read Isaiah 45:3

I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.” (NIV)

- 1. Most of us are afraid of the dark, and nobody likes to go through dark times. But in Isaiah 45:3, God makes an important promise. As you read this verse, what is God promising to you about going through hard times? Why do you think he making that promise?***

Read Psalm 107: 14

He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains.

- 2. Share a time that difficulty and uncertainty (times of darkness) ended because God brought you out of darkness.***

Read Acts 17:27b

so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him. He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near.” (MSG)

- 3. Think about this verse and tough times you have been through. How does knowing God wants you to find in a difficult circumstance change the way you see a time of darkness? How could this make the darkness easier to bear? What hope do you find in this verse?***

Read Isaiah 30:19-22

He will be gracious if you ask for help. He will surely respond to the sound of your cries. ²⁰ Though the Lord gave you adversity for food and suffering for drink, he will still be with you to teach you. You will see your teacher with your own eyes. ²¹ Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go," whether to the right or to the left. ²² Then you will destroy all your silver idols and your precious gold images. You will throw them out like filthy rags, saying to them, "Good riddance!" (NLT)

- 4. In dark places we discover the idols to which we cling. When God comes near to us during our valleys, we often discover that we do not need the idols anymore. Share an idol that God revealed to you through adversity to which you no longer need.***

Read Isaiah 50:10

If you are walking in darkness, without a ray of light, trust in the Lord and rely on your God. (NIV)

- 5. During times of darkness we must allow what we know about God to influence our worship and sustain our hope. What truths about God give you strength to trust Him when there is not a single ray of light in sight? Share with the group.***