

College & Young Adults Discussion Guide

For the week of December 2 - 8, 2018

Main Thought and Passages:

God desires for us to start the year strong and end it even stronger. Most times, getting stronger involves a resistance that provides an opportunity for growth. When we choose to trust God to push us through, we allow Him to increase our faith. As a result, we are led to reach others for Christ and become a part of advancing God's Kingdom. With this shift in our perspective, God's faithfulness is fulfilled through the church and in our personal lives. We finish the year strong by trusting in God despite our circumstances. As a result, our faith in God produces a desire to help others find hope in Christ during this Christmas season.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9 NIV)

- God does not look at our results. Instead, He is looking for our obedience to serve Him—the results will follow on God's terms.

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:12 NIV)

- When we push forward in obedience, God develops our faith and strengthens our character.
- God wants to better prepare us for the future of His church corporately, along with the paths that He is calling us to individually (i.e. college, careers, marriage, etc.).

"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." (2 Chronicles 15:7 NIV)

- As we steadily trust in God's perfect timing, we will experience His faithfulness and purpose for our lives.

Reflection:

- What stands out to you in the main thought and passages above and why?
- Was there a time you wanted to give up but you didn't? What happened and what did you learn?

Application:

- How is God preparing you to persevere in this season?
- Who is a person whom you are reaching that you can encourage to find hope in Christ?

Prayer:

- Pray for each other to be obedient to what God is calling us to do to finish the year strong.
- Pray for the person God wants you to share the hope of Christ with.