

# WEEK 4: WHEN THIS WORLD IS OVERWHELMING

## GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### PREPARE

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### MAIN POINT

It feels like everything has been shaken in recent years and we can wonder if there will be any relief or if we will continue to live in a world that is increasingly crazy and chaotic. There is good news. While the kingdoms of this world will all be shaken, the new Kingdom to which we belong will never be shaken.

### LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

**Share about experiences you've had related to natural disasters.**

### LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

Read Hebrews 12:25-29

25 See to it that you do not reject the one who speaks. For if they did not escape when they rejected him who warned them on earth, even less will we if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven. 26 His voice shook the earth at that time, but now he has promised, Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. 27 This expression, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what can be shaken-that is, created things-so that what is not shaken might remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

**What does Hebrews 12:25-29 tell us about God and His kingdom?**

**What does the passage say that those who trust in Christ will receive?**

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**LOOK OUT  
IDENTIFY THE  
RELEVANCE OF  
GOD'S WORD IN  
THE WORLD**

**What does this passage tell us we should do, and in what manner?**

**Why do you think people are drawn to build kingdoms on things that won't last? Where have you seen it?**

**What makes it difficult to be grateful for the kingdom of God (Heb 12:28) when it feels like the world is crumbling around us?**

**In the message, we were encouraged to focus on what will last (God's Kingdom) more than what will pass (temporal joys and pain). Where are you encouraged or challenged to live this out in your life?**

**What are some practical ways we can lift each other up when the overwhelming earthquakes of life knock us down?**