

WEEK 4: WHEN I'VE BEEN BETRAYED

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PREPARE

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MAIN POINT

Ahithophel wasn't just David's counselor—he was his friend. They worshipped together, shared meals, and shared life. He was also highly trusted by the people, and his words, “as if one inquired of the word of God” (2 Samuel 16:23). But he joined Absalom's rebellion against David. David's son and his counselor betrayed him. In Psalm 55, David describes the pain of a friend's insults as very different than that of an enemy. He goes back and forth between his pain and his preaching to his own soul—to cast his cares on God, the One who cares the most. When the pain hits, the preaching to oneself must hit stronger.

LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

Think of one of the best friendships you've ever had, whether in the present or back when you were a kid—what is it that makes or made the friendship so sweet?

Read Psalm 55

LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

In Psalm 55:9-11, what does David see happening throughout the city? Where does the trouble show up—walls, streets, marketplace?

Throughout Psalm 55, David laments the betrayal he has experienced, but read Psalm 55:16-17. What does David do amid this heartbreaking betrayal?

What does David say God will do for him in verse 18?

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

Broken trust is everywhere in our culture—friendships, marriages, business partnerships, even churches. When people are betrayed, what are the typical responses you see: revenge, cutting people off, cynicism, walls? What should our response be instead of these typical responses?

LOOK IN
APPLY GOD'S WORD
TO YOUR LIFE

If you could give your younger self advice about how to handle being betrayed, what would you go back and tell your younger self?

When you're wounded, is your instinct to withdraw, numb the pain, leave—or to call out to God in prayer? What would calling out to God look like this week?