

Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email info@revolutionky.org.

Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. At the beginning of your time together, spend some time in personal reflection. If you could describe the year 2019 in one word, what would it be? What are some things you learned, or things you are grateful for in 2019? What are you most excited about in 2020? What are you most anxious, worried, or afraid of for 2020?
2. Throughout the book of Exodus, we will explore a literary pattern within the narration of the story of God's people of looking back to move forward; setting the context of previous events that anticipate future events (or God's salvific work). What are some of the most valuable lessons we learned as a church and community in 2019?
3. What are you anticipating, hoping for, or praying for us as a people of God in 2020?
4. According to Exodus 1:8-14, the king of Egypt did not know Joseph or any of his descendants or Israelites. This led to his brutal and harsh treatment of the Israelites, oppressing them into slavery. This is contrasted by the fact that God *did* know the Israelites. He heard their cries, he remembered his covenant with them, he saw the people, and he *knew* their pain. What difference does it make for you to be fully *known* by God in this way? Does this impact how you are entering 2020?

Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

"Hungry for God: Volume 1, Session 4 – The Patience of Spiritual Passion" - STOP AT 15:40 - by Tony Evans (located in the "Renovation Group Bible Studies" channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/content/series/946?episode=4>

1. What are you waiting for? Does it seem like God is silent in your waiting, or is He hearing and seeing and caring? How is your faith being challenged or strengthened in the midst of waiting?
2. Tony describes weariness as the point when we stop trying to end our waiting by our own resources. In the midst of your waiting, how are you trying to create your own answers to compensate for God's supposed silence? Share an example of a time when you learned to surrender and talk about how your situation changed as a result.

3. In each of the situations you've shared as a group, do you see God working in the midst of the waiting (don't try to solve each other's problems in this exercise – simply share where you see God at work)? Think of another time in your life when you had to wait. How did you grow as a result of the waiting? What did you learn about God in that time? What did you learn about yourself?
4. How can you encourage each other in the waiting (hint, sometimes it helps us to believe God hears us when we feel heard by God's people)?

Family-Related Questions:

1. The faith of a child can be easily crushed by unanswered prayers. Have your children shared any experiences with you where they're prayers have gone unanswered? How did you encourage them in the midst of this?
2. When your child faces difficulty, loss, and injustice, how can you teach to your children that God cares, sees, and hears (hint, they perceive God's caring demonstrated through YOU)?