



Weekend Recap - Discussion Guide

Would you Believe?

Week 3: December 15-18

Title: Even if Everything Went Wrong?

Big Idea: Just because it's hard doesn't mean God's not in it.

Optional Ice Breaker: Describe the last "bad day" you had! What made it that way?

Discuss:

1. What most stood out to you from this weekend's message? Why?
2. If you were in Mary or Joseph's shoes, what would have been your first reaction to the pregnancy news? What does their reactions tell us about their faith and relationship with God?
3. Why is it so easy for us to think when life is easy that God is blessing us and conversely when life is hard that we are being punished?
4. Identify something hard or difficult happening in your life right now. It could be big or it could be small. Share with the group and have a time of prayer for these difficulties.
5. How do you or could you hold onto your faith when everything around you seems to be going wrong? When you can't feel God's presence in the circumstances?

For Students: When you feel like everything around you is falling apart, who is someone you can reach out to?

Challenge: Take time each day to pray specifically for those in your group (and beyond) who are struggling.

Scriptures:

- John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- Acts 14:22 We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.
- James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
- Matthew 5:45 He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Prayer: God, even when it is hard, help me to trust you and that you are in this situation.

Next Week-Sneak Peek: It's Christmas!! Make it a point to invite your friends, neighbors and families with you to experience Christmas at Central! For a list of service times by campus visit www.CentralAZ.com/Christmas