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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If God decided to give you the supernatural ability to either know what people are thinking or experience what people are feeling, which would you choose and why?

1. Dr. Stumbo reviewed the many dramatic transitions of Joseph's life from "favored son to slave, favored slave to prisoner, favored prisoner to forgotten prisoner, and forgotten prisoner to ruler of Egypt." What have been the most dramatic transitions in your life, and how did you feel about them?
2. Dr. Stumbo quipped that change is "fertile soil" for fear that can lead us to "make poor decisions and reach bad conclusions." How has fear, brought on by unexpected or unwelcome change, affected your decision-making, your perspective, or your faith?
3. Change doesn't have to lead to fear, it can also lead to a deeper, "four-wheel drive" sort of faith. Tell of a time when you have had to "four-wheel it" in your faith. What was it like and how did it turn out?
4. Dr. Stumbo shared how a health crisis stripped him of his strength, voice, mobility, and ministry, leaving him "one confused guy for a while" – until he landed on the truth, "God is in this and God is good." How would clinging to that truth help you endure a storm?
5. From sinner to saint, estranged to friend of God, lost to found, living for self to living for Him, bondage to freedom, despair to hope: Which of these "from/to Gospel" statements do you resonate most with and why?

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

Day One: John 12; Psalm 24

Day Two: Deuteronomy 21; Proverbs 19

Day Three: 1 Chronicles 2; 2 Corinthians 7

Day Four: Revelation 1; Daniel 3

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 8; Acts 6

TRANSITIONS

"Transitions"

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The Life of _____ Is a Life of Sudden and Surprising Transitions

- From favored son to _____ (**Genesis 39:1-12**)
- From favored slave to _____ (**Genesis 39:20-23**)
- From favored prisoner to _____ prisoner (**Genesis 41:9-14**)
- From forgotten prisoner to a _____ of Egypt

There is more to Joseph's story for you to dive into and how it led to reconciliation with his brothers, but let me list a few of the deeper transitions that took place _____ Joseph. He went from:

- From _____ kid to savvy counselor
- From abandoned brother to forgiving brother
- From estrangement to reconciliation
- From having a dream to the death of that dream
- From death of the dream to seeing its _____

None of us goes through life without experiencing the word that some of us don't like very well – _____. Allow me to give a few insights on change:

- Change is an opportunity to _____.
- Transitions give us opportunity to _____ questions we avoid when life is simpler.
- Transitions are also an opportunity to _____ God with a deeper faith.
- Change is _____ for fear.

When life suddenly seems uncertain, we have available to us a _____ level of faith.

"God is in this and God is _____."

This is _____ faith: believing that God is still good, even when life isn't – knowing that better chapters are coming.

The Transitions of _____

- From Heaven to Earth
- From Glory to a _____
- From the Creator to a creation
- From King to Servant
- From celebrated Son of David to the scorned and suffering one
- From _____ to the cross
- From cross to the grave
- From the grave to life again
- From earth back to heaven
- And someday from heaven back to earth to take us to heaven

As many of us have come to experience, the greatest life change is moving from living for ourselves to living for _____.

The _____ Gospel

- From sinner to saint
- From estranged from God to friend of God
- From lost to found
- From living for ourselves to living for Him
- From bondage to freedom
- From despair to _____

God is in this transition and will work through it.

**God does some of his most significant, _____
work in seasons of change.**

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This is four-wheel drive faith: believing that God is still good, even when life isn't – knowing that better chapters are coming.

The Transitions of Jesus

- From Heaven to Earth
- From Glory to a womb
- From the Creator to a creation
- From King to Servant
- From celebrated Son of David to the scorned and suffering one
- From court room to the cross
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