



Aurora Student Ministry Discussion Guide for Sunday March 29, 2020

We're in the final week of a series on DOUBT and this week's focus is: Godly people can help us with our doubts. We'll start with a few discussion questions, then explore some text from the Bible.

Start off with these discussion questions:

1. Have you ever felt unsure about a decision you needed to make or a path you wanted to take? Share about it.
2. In the past, when you've felt unsure about what to do next, how did you decide what to do? What was the result?
3. Who do you consider to be a godly person in your life who can help you wrestle through your doubts?

Then, read this aloud:

When we're experiencing confusion, uncertainty, or fear, it's easy to question what we're supposed to do next and why God isn't making our path clear. Scripture never promises that God will directly tell us to do next, but it does show us that we need godly people to help us figure things out sometimes. So when we're not sure what God wants us to do next, it's best to get a support system of godly people to share and pray with.

Read Exodus 18:13-26:

"The next day, Moses took his seat to hear the people's disputes against each other. They waited before him from morning till evening.

When Moses' father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he asked, 'What are you really accomplishing here? Why are you trying to do all this alone while everyone stands around you from morning till evening?'

Moses replied, 'Because the people come to me to get a ruling from God. When a dispute arises, they come to me, and I am the one who settles the case between the quarreling parties. I inform the people of God's decrees and give them his instructions.'

'This is not good!' Moses' father-in-law exclaimed. 'You're going to wear yourself out—and the people, too. This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself. Now listen to me, and let me give you a word of advice, and may God be with you. You should continue to be the people's representative before God, bringing their disputes to him. Teach them God's decrees, and give them his instructions. Show them how to conduct their lives. But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. They should always be available to solve the people's common disputes, but have them bring the major cases to you. Let the leaders decide the smaller matters themselves. They will help you carry the load, making the task easier

for you. If you follow this advice, and if God commands you to do so, then you will be able to endure the pressures, and all these people will go home in peace.'

Moses listened to his father-in-law's advice and followed his suggestions. He chose capable men from all over Israel and appointed them as leaders over the people. He put them in charge of groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. These men were always available to solve the people's common disputes. They brought the major cases to Moses, but they took care of the smaller matters themselves.

Discuss again:

1. What do you learn from this passage about how God might speak to us?
2. Has God ever used a godly person in your life to guide you?
3. Who do you need to surround yourself with to help you in times of doubt or confusion?
4. What is one way our conversation today is going to change the way you see your doubts?

Pray as a family:

Thank God for giving us each other

Ask God for guidance in situations where you are experiencing doubt