



SANCTUARY REFLECTION GUIDE

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Title: The Fork in the Road

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Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 7:14, Genesis 50:20

The average adult makes about 35,000 decisions per day, large and small. That's an unbelievable number! Every day, we find ourselves at forks in the road and have to choose which path to proceed down. Many are referring to this election and the outcomes afterward as a big fork in the road for our country, but how can we let our faith shape our perspective? As Jesus followers, what do we do in the days and weeks afterward? What do we put our hope in during times of uncertainty?

We believe that God brings goodness out of uncertain, difficult, and troubling moments, and in this sermon, we explore what we can do to faithfully follow His lead and put our trust in Him.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you about this sermon? Was there an idea that was particularly meaningful or challenging for you?
2. What's one thing that helps you feel grounded when life feels chaotic or uncertain?
3. Genesis 50:20 tells us that God brings goodness out of even the darkest of circumstances. What are some of the best examples you've seen or heard about where God brought goodness out of hardship? How can these examples encourage us to trust Him today?

4. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God asks Israel to get rid of their idols and seek His face. What idols does our society put in God's place? What might it look like for us to get them out of the way so that God is at the center of our lives?
5. Why do you think it's important to remember that God is actively working to redeem our world? How does that perspective influence how we view the world and the events happening around us?

WEEKLY PRACTICE

We often think to experience peace, we need to eliminate things: conflict, uncertainty, hurry, stress. What if instead, through the practice of silence, we could cultivate peace in the middle of our current circumstances? This week, we challenge you to **quiet your thoughts by moving your body.**

God made us to have bodies, and our bodies are good. Instead of approaching peace as simply a mental exercise, allow your body to lead you toward peace. With your hands, create something you enjoy. Try out a new recipe. Go for a walk. Play an instrument or pump up your music and dance! Allow your body to help cultivate peace by quieting your mind.