

Navigating The Crisis
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[2 Corinthians 11:23-30]

...I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. ²⁴ Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. ²⁶ I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. ²⁷ I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. ²⁸ Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak without my feeling that weakness? Who is led astray, and I do not burn with anger? ³⁰ If I must boast, I would rather boast about the things that show how weak I am.

- 1. Make an accurate assessment of your foundation and build to last.**

[1 Corinthians 3:9-13]

You are God's field. You are God's building. Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

[Matthew 7:24-29, TPT]

“Everyone who hears my teaching and applies it to his life can be compared to a wise man who built his house on an unshakable foundation. When the rains fell and the flood came, with fierce winds beating upon his house, it stood firm because of its strong foundation.

“But everyone who hears my teaching and does not apply it to his life can be compared to a foolish man who built his house on sand. When it rained and rained and the flood came, with wind and waves beating upon his house, it collapsed and was swept away.”

- 2. Stay vitally (necessary to life, essential for survival) connected to the body of Christ.**

[1 Corinthians 12:12, 26-27]

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

[John 15:4-6, NLT]

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

[Matthew 18:20, AMP]

For where two or three are gathered in My name, meeting together as My followers, I am right there among them."

Join a Group—All of our current Groups are OPEN!
(TFH.org/Groups)

3. Don't miss the greater thing God desires to accomplish in you during this crisis.

[James 1:2-4, TPT]

My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things. And then as your endurance grows even stronger it

will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

Our eyes go further than the tragedy. A tested faith stirs up power to endure all things!

[Romans 12:12, NLT]

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them.

ROMANS 12:12 Expanded Greek: = So rejoice, thrive and be well because the Author of Hope is our eternal salvation. Persevere in these times of misfortune and trial. Hold fast to your faith in Christ and endure with bravery and calmness all that comes your way. When times of great pressure, stress and trouble surround you, make a decision to remain and stand strong by constantly pursuing God with unrelenting prayer

FOR MONDAY—

1. Build up your foundation: jump in on a Bible reading plan.
2. Join a Small Group or consider starting one.
3. Choose to be joyful! Carry hope to those you influence.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. How can you tell if a foundation is solid? When do we typically check for that, and why?
2. When someone envisions their future, what do you think they often desire or hope for?

3. In the context of your lifetime, what is the biggest national or global crisis you've witnessed? How did it impact your everyday life?
4. What are some storms that you have weathered before?
5. If you were to assess your faith foundation right now, how are you doing? What areas are you specifically asking God for wisdom in this season?
6. How are you being fruitful and a vessel for God through our current circumstances?
7. Why do you think it is so vital to stay connected to the Body of Christ in times of crisis? Who is giving you perspective, and who are you intentionally encouraging?
8. Where are you needing prayer and support? Celebrate any wins of prayers already answered.
9. What greater thing do you think God desires to accomplish through you or your family during this crisis?