

Beauty for Ashes
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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.

[Galatians 6:10]

Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially (first and foremost) to those in the family of faith.

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- To give toward Fire Relief, text “TFHFIRERELIEF” TO 77977
- TFH.org for updates and information about relief efforts

***God will bring beauty from ashes when we agree with him,
partner and join our faith with his plan of restoration!***

This year's ashes can bring next year's growth.

***In the rubble and ashes, God already sees what we can't: the
rebuild. He brings astonishing things out of the ashes.***

3 Ways to Rebuild from the Ruins—

1. Seek God when there is nothing but ashes.

[Nehemiah 1:9]

But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, (“No matter how far you have gone” VT) I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.’

[Zechariah 1:3]

Therefore, say to the people, ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.’

2. Stand side-by-side with others in community.

[Nehemiah 4:14]

“Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!”

3. Stay under His hand and say what the King says about your future.

[Nehemiah 2:18]

Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, “Yes, let’s rebuild the wall!” So they began the good work.

You can rebuild anything when the gracious hand of the King is on your life.

FOR MONDAY—

- 1. Pray, reach out, or give to those affected by the CA fires.**
- 2. Jump into a small group, if you're not already in one. Invite someone you know who is disconnected from live-giving community.**

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1. What kind of opportunities have you been given to do good to those around you? What resources do you have to make a difference?**
- 2. Ashes can be seen as the “worthless remains after something is destroyed.” What does God see that we don't initially? How can God bring beauty from the ashes of our lives?**
- 3. Why do you think tragedy causes some to run away from God and others to draw close to Him? What helps us stay on track?**
- 4. In the midst of loss and tragedy, what causes many to isolate and disconnect from community? How significant is the role of the church in these times? What do you think is your personal part?**
- 5. What are some areas in your life that have been rebuilt? Who in your sphere played a key part? Where did God take you on this journey?**
- 6. When have you last had a conversation with the King about where you are in your life? What would He say about your future? How can the current circumstance that you are in (personally and corporately) play a significant role in response to His word for you?**