



# The Changeover Box

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#### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided some 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.

#### [**1 Samuel 16.1, NIV**]

*The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”*

***We often want full blessing on partial obedience.***

***He is not giving us ideas to consider; He's giving us commands to obey for His good and for His glory.***

***You don't need critics, but you do need coaches.***

***You can't have a mouth full of defeat and expect a life of victory.***

***God doesn't issue downgrades to His people; He moves them to an upgrade.***

#### **For Monday—**

**Take inventory of your season of life. Take next steps to move past old seasons. (part ways with unhealthy relationships or situations)**

**In prayer, ask God to give you what's next.**



## TALK IT THROUGH

1. What is your favorite season of the year? What appeals to you most about that time? What fond memories do you have of that season?
2. Why is the 20-meter “changeover box” in a relay race so crucial? Likewise, how important is it for us to transition well from one season to another?
3. Are you in a season of change? What are your fears? What are your hopes?
4. Is there anything to which you are giving partial obedience? What steps do we need to take toward full obedience?
5. Read 1 Samuel 16:1. Samuel was still in mourning when he was supposed to move on. Discuss the scenario and share a time when you felt like you parked in an area of your life that was no longer active. (maybe a loss in friendship, finances, a home, etc.) Like Samuel, what was it like to hear an inspiring word to move on?
6. What are some things in your confession that need to change? What do you need to declare or verbalize about God’s plan for your life.
7. What generational upgrades are you hoping to pass on to your kids or those who will follow you?