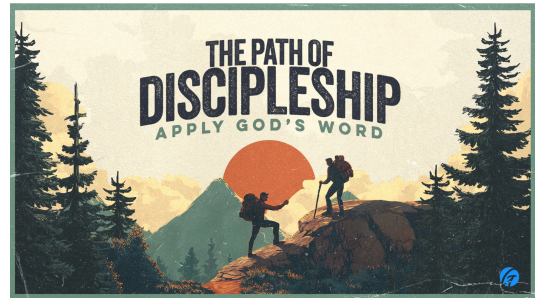


LG Questions WK 1 Fall 26
The Upside of a Bad Day



Big Idea: God uses every hardship to draw us closer to Him and shape us into Christ's likeness.

1. Reflecting on 1 Peter 4:12 and John 16:33, how do you typically respond when you encounter unexpected difficulties? What mental shift do we need to make to avoid being “surprised” or discouraged when life doesn’t go as planned?
2. Psalm 34:18 and 2 Corinthians 1:8–9 remind us that God is near our lowest moments. Can you recall a time when hardship brought you closer to God or deepened your dependence on Him? Briefly share your experience.
3. Romans 8:28–29 teaches that God works through “all things” to shape us into the image of Christ. How does this truth challenge or change the way we view our present problems? Are there any “ingredients” in your life right now that God might be using for your good, even if they don’t feel good?
4. Hebrews 12:1–3 and Jeremiah 29:11 emphasize keeping our eyes on Jesus and trusting God’s purpose, especially in hard times. What practical steps should believers take to focus more on God’s promises and less on pain and uncertainty?
5. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and James 1:3–4 instruct us to give thanks in all circumstances and to let endurance finish its work. What is one challenging area where you could practice gratitude or perseverance, trusting that God is using it to grow you spiritually?