



Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

If you could live in a fictional world, what world would it be and what would you do?

Talk About it!

QUESTION 1

2 Kings 8:1-2 New Living Translation

8 Elisha had told the woman whose son he had brought back to life, "Take your family and move to some other place, for the Lord has called for a famine on Israel that will last for seven years." 2 So the woman did as the man of God instructed. She took her family and settled in the land of the Philistines for seven years.

Luke 9:23 New Living Translation

23 Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."

Discuss:

The Woman from Shunem trusted in God enough to follow what Elisha said. When was a time when God asked you to do something that you didn't agree with? How did you respond?

QUESTION 2

Isaiah 26:4 New Living Translation

4 Trust in the Lord always,
for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

Proverbs 3:5 New Living Translation

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.

Discuss:

In the message Ellie said, "If God can lead you to it, He can lead you through it, and bring you out of it"
Describe a time when God came through for you after you trusted Him? Describe a time a time when you didn't trust Him and what was the outcome?



QUESTION 3

James 1:2 New Living Translation

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

Discuss:

How can troubles and trials give you an opportunity for great joy? What methods can you take to help yourself remember that during the “hard times”?

QUESTION 4

Discuss:

Madi told a story of a time when she had no control and was tossed out of the inner tube. When was a time where you went through “rough seas” and felt out of control? How did you get through it?

QUESTION 5

2 Kings 8:3-5 New Living Translation

3 After the famine ended she returned from the land of the Philistines, and she went to see the king about getting back her house and land. 4 As she came in, the king was talking with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God. The king had just said, “Tell me some stories about the great things Elisha has done.” 5 And Gehazi was telling the king about the time Elisha had brought a boy back to life. At that very moment, the mother of the boy walked in to make her appeal to the king about her house and land.

“Look, my lord the king!” Gehazi exclaimed. “Here is the woman now, and this is her son—the very one Elisha brought back to life!”

Habakkuk 1:5 New Living Translation

5 The Lord replied,

*“Look around at the nations;
look and be amazed!*

*For I am doing something in your own day,
something you wouldn’t believe
even if someone told you about it.*

Discuss:

The world will blame God’s timing and planning on coincidence. Can you recall a time when everything came together and ‘coincidentally’ happened? Try and trace back all the things that God had to have done in order for the ‘coincidence’ to take place.



QUESTION 6

2 Kings 8:6 New Living Translation

6 “Is this true?” the king asked her. And she told him the story. So he directed one of his officials to see that everything she had lost was restored to her, including the value of any crops that had been harvested during her absence.

1 Peter 1:6-7 New Living Translation

6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

Discuss:

How can enduring trials make you stronger? How does God reward you for having faith while going through trials? Has there ever been a time you were rewarded for trusting God during a trial?