

CONVERSATION GUIDE

LET'S TALK ABOUT BELONGING TO GOD

HERE'S THE BIG IDEA

*In Isaiah 43, God reminds Israel of his constant presence as they journey through a transition. God reminds them that they belong to him and because of His presence they have nothing to fear. Similar to the Israelites, in season of transitions we can also lose our way and forget who we truly belong to. When we walk with God, nothing has the power to overwhelm us or take us out—whether that is a major life transition, illness, financial burden, or broken relationship. We must remember that we **Belong to God**.*

CONVERSATION TIP | SHOWING CARE

When we interact with group members' comments, we show we hear and care about them as individuals. An effective leader communicates love and care through words and actions to everyone in the group. This genuine care will show itself as we acknowledge group members as individuals.

LET'S TALK

BREAK THE ICE

Q: Share a story from a time you experienced life change or a transition? How did it impact you?

Q: What do you think is the most challenging thing about Transitions?

TELL ME THE TRUTH | ISAIAH 43:1-5

Isaiah 43:1-5, "But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west."

In times of transition, when we feel like we are not connecting with those around us, God reminds we belong to him.

Q: What does it mean to belong to God?

Q: What are somethings that can get in the way of remembering who we belong to?

Q: What keeps you to being honest with God in a time of need?

Q: How will your life be different if you live out the truth that you belong to God?

GO DEEPER (OPTIONAL)

Q: What's one area of your life that would be different if you lived out of a place of belonging? Please explain.

DO SOMETHING

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RESOURCES

"We Belong to God" – 12Stone Church, November 24, 2019

"Presence of God" – The Bible Project [video]

"10 Things You Should Know About the Presence of God" – J. Ryan Lister, Crossway [Article]