



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Date: January 6

Title: Pioneer

BIG IDEA: Pioneers go into the unknown with God for the good of others and to bring glory to God.

GROUPS VISION

We believe life transformation happens when we engage with other people, with Jesus as our focus, and take next steps together. A next step is where we Ask, Listen, and Respond to take any action that

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KEY VERSE

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19

POTENTIAL NEXT STEP

Come to Tuesday Prayer Nights. Find more info at valleycreek.org/events.

SUMMARY

This is a big year for Valley Creek and a big year for all of us because we are Valley Creek! This year, our theme is **Pioneer**. A pioneer is someone who goes into the unknown with God for the good of others and to bring glory to God. God is inviting us to pioneer—to take new ground together in 2019. We will take new ground in our relationships, our finances, our spirits, our minds, our cities, our region, and our hearts. The Bible is full of pioneers—Jesus is the ultimate pioneer. He pioneered our salvation, so we don't have to (**Hebrews 2:10 TPT**). God created us to pioneer (**Genesis 1:28**). If we are not pioneering, we are not living out our purpose. God is inviting us to take ground to expose the giants in our heads and set us free. We can't allow the giants' roar to defeat God's whisper. (**Numbers 13:32-33 NLT, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**).

How We Pioneer:

1. Pioneers believe there is always more.

- This is not as good as it gets, there is immeasurably more available. Jesus is the narrow gate that leads to a wide life. If we're not taking ground, we're losing ground (**Ephesians 3:20, Matthew 7:13-14**).
- Often, we can't see what can be because we're focused on what was.

Today, where do you need to align your thoughts with God's whisper and deny the enemy's roar? What strongholds do you need to defeat in your life?

2. Pioneers navigate by prayer.

- God's voice is our compass and the Holy Spirit is our guide (**Psalm 32:8**). Pioneering causes us to be desperately dependent on His voice.
- We refuse to pioneer alone. We don't move forward recklessly, we ask, listen, and respond. We submit and surrender to God and advance the kingdom without selfish ambition (**Mark 11:22-24**).

Where are you pioneering on your own? Take some time to discuss with God where He is asking you to pioneer. What is the one next step you can take this week in obedience to what He is saying?

3. Pioneers walk by faith.

- Pioneers go into the unknown and take ground by faith so the next generation can enjoy it by sight (**Hebrews 11:1, 2 Corinthians 5:7**).
- We can be so focused on the giants in front of us that we forget the God with us (**Joshua 1:9**).

Who has taken ground for you? Who do you want to take ground for this year?

4. Pioneers are passionate about the glory of God.

- We pioneer into the darkness so that others will know Jesus (**Romans 15:20-21 TPT**).
- We lay down our lives to take new ground for the kingdom. As we take ground for other people, we find freedom for ourselves (**Mark 8:34**).

What do you need to lay down in your life to follow Jesus into the unknown?