

# WHEN LIFE GETS HARD

*Where is God?*

## **MESSAGE GOAL**

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

### ▶ **MAIN IDEA**

God's love and plans are still active during our challenging circumstances.

### ▶ **HEAD CHANGE**

I will seek God's will during times of difficulty.

### ▶ **HEART CHANGE**

I will trust in God's goodness when life is hard and I don't understand what He is doing.

### ▶ **LIFE CHANGE**

I will daily surrender to God's purposes over my personal comfort in life.

## **Discuss**

We all face difficult seasons in life. Describe a time when God showed you He was with you - even though life was tough?

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How did this experience affect your view of God?

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What did the Lord reveal to you through this message? (Did you gain a specific insight into YOUR life? What challenged you? Did the Holy Spirit convict you in any area?)

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## **Read**

Psalms 46:10 / Psalms 131:1-2 / Psalms 116:7-9

What do you think it means to "Be still, and know that I am God?"

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We find rest in God when we wait for Him. What are you waiting for God to do? How patient are you being?

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We find strength reflecting on God's goodness. What are some ways you've experienced God's goodness?

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What changes will you make in your life this week so that you can begin to experience God daily?

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## **OPEN QUESTIONS**

What's the biggest change you've experienced these past few weeks?

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If you could choose one item to never run out of, what would you choose and why?

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This past Sunday, we discovered that God's love and plans are uniquely designed to fulfill God's purposes in our lives. Together, let's talk about how we too can embrace difficult circumstances to discover God's grace for our daily lives.

## **Read**

1 Samuel 1