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Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of: May 14, 2018

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“Mother’s Day”

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Mother’s Day, like many other holidays, can bring up different emotions for everyone. What thoughts and emotions does Mother’s Day bring up for you?
2. Do you have a favorite “mother figure” from film or media? Why is she your favorite?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Acts 27:12 – 20. Diana uses this story and asks a few questions that could often reflect how we behave when storms in our lives begin to rage. The storms in our lives can be simply raising children, working a job and/or trying to figure this marriage thing out, to something much more ominous and crippling.

- a. In this story the sailors wrapped the boat with ropes in order to hold it together. When things in life get tough what is your “go to” reaction to hold things together? Explain.

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| Control | Ignore it | Deal with it | Become impatient |
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| Pray | Be a bully | Isolate | Other _____ |
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Why do I react like this?

How do I wish to react?

- b. In vs 18 we are told that these sailors had taken such a violent battering that they began to throw cargo overboard. However, Diana stated that the whole point of the cargo ship was to deliver cargo from one point to another. The very purpose of the ship was being abandoned.

What do you typical begin to abandon when you are trying to survive?

Hope Patience Your purpose Self-discipline Relationships

Read the following verses. How do these verses encourage us to grasp and respond to the storms in our life?

Jeremiah 32:27

1 Peter 4:12-13

Deuteronomy 31:6

Proverbs 3:5-6

Isaiah 41:10

John 14:26-27

- c. Read James 1:9-12. As you look back over your life, what has withered that you want to breathe life back into?

2. Read Acts 27:23-26. What is so encouraging about Paul’s words to the sailors?

How can this encourage you today?

TAKING IT HOME:

Diana said that God really wants us to hand over the things in our lives that keep us from Him. Things like pursuing perfection, lies that people have told us and the idea that I should be able to handle everything. What do I need to let go of this week that will allow me to better focus on God’s purpose and plan for me?

What do I need to hold onto?

Prayer Requests:

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