


Session

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**BIG IDEA**

God's way is the best way.

**OPENING QUESTION:**

What is the real place where life is hard? What is a place where you are trusting Jesus, but it is not easy?

**GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Read this passage: John 10:1-21 out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience and following the way of Jesus? How should it affect the way I live?

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**Thought:**
You can't have more faith than you have obedience, and you can't have more obedience without faith. Growing in one will help growing in the other.

**Questions:**
Share a time when you feel like the Holy Spirit has prompted you to do something. What did he prompt you to do?
What was your initial reaction?

**Read:** Exodus 17:8-16

**Questions:**
How do you see the connections between what was going on with Moses and with Joshua?

**Thought:**
Gods' way is the best way, but it is rarely the easy way. An enduring faith is forged not found. Moses won the battle, but Joshua was the one to overcome.

**Question:**
We can often overprepare for things that will not happen and underprepare for the spiritual battles that are already happening in our lives. What are helpful spiritual rhythms that help you in your home?

What is a change you can make to make your home a place of greater peace? Is it the way you ask for something, is it expectations you have, is it the words you choose to use?

Is there a way you would like to deepen you trust in God so that through any valley you can say to God, "All my life you have been faithful"?

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*I will statement...*
Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. As disciples this helps us to be changed by Jesus. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.

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