

## LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Passage: 2 Samuel 22:1-7 & Isaiah 6:3

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### **Overview:**

What if God was using Covid 19 to show His glory through the way you respond? Can people tell by your response you serve a great and glorious Heavenly King? If Covid 19 has done anything to our society it has revealed the foundation of people's lives. Jesus spoke about this when He preached the Sermon on the Mount. He gave the illustration about a man who built his house on the sand and a man who built his house on the Rock (Gospel). When the storm (Covid 19) came the house built on sand fell, while the house built on the Rock stood.

Even if your regular routine has collapsed during this time, God can still redeem it. In ways we cannot understand now, having our daily routines turned upside down can actually be the best thing that happens to us. This is true during most turbulent times. We don't see a reason for any of it until we are well past the situation. This year many of us have been forced to recognize what we have built our lives on. The regular routines and normal securities of life have been stripped away and replaced with uncertainty and chaos. This can be easily substantiated by watching any evening news program. Now in 2020 what was once considered to be a normal (often mundane) day has faded into only a memory.

So what is the point of going through all of this? The point is what God's point has been throughout all of time and that is to bring Glory to Him. Isaiah 6:3 reads: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." The whole earth, even in the midst of Covid 19 is full of God's glory. It is displayed by those who have laid the foundation of their lives on Him. It is displayed by those who prioritize God above all else in their lives.

King David brought glory to God when he called God his refuge. This was David's way of saying that God was the foundation of his life. What is crazy to understand is that David often said this while running for his life from King Saul. King David spent a fair amount of time hiding in caves. Here you have the future King of Israel bringing glory to God in the midst of some of the most difficult circumstances in his life. Can the same be said about you? In 2 Samuel 22:1-3 King David sings: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior." Later on in this same passage he states that death is swirling around him. Can any of us even comprehend what it is like to sing praise to our Heavenly Father when everything in our lives is going wrong?

Here is a quote by J.D. Greear:

*"What if the sickness in your life is not about you? What if the missed opportunity is not about you? What if the difficult relationship in your life is not about you? What if this season of singleness is not about you?"*

What if whatever is going on in your life right now is not about you? What if Covid 19 and the hardships it is causing is not about you? What if this time of new society restrictions is not about you? What if the purpose of all of this is to bring glory to God? From some of the social media posts I have read I would have to say that some people have made this time more about them than about God. They have taken this opportunity to shine God's glory through their response and completely put the spotlight on themselves. Here are a couple questions that might bring clarity to this. Have you spent more time complaining about face masks than praising your Father in Heaven? Have you been more concerned about your own personal rights than being a witness of God's grace?

In no way do I want to belittle the hardships people are facing right now. I just want to challenge every believer to keep their focus on Jesus. He is your Refuge and solid Rock. No matter the circumstances it is your purpose in life to bring glory to Him. You do this not only when things are going good but when everything in your life has been turned upside down. It is in the midst of Covid 19 you can shine the Glory of God the brightest by the way you respond. You can respond with negativity as the world has done or you can respond by keeping Jesus first. If you keep Jesus as your Rock and Refuge your world might be shaken, but it will not collapse.

### **Bible Study:**

1. In what ways has your life changed this year?
2. How have you kept Jesus as your Refuge and Rock during this time?
3. Have you been a reflection of God's glory during Covid 19? Why or why not?
4. How can you find purpose in life by bringing Glory to God?
5. Read Psalms 19:1-7. What is the purpose of all creation?
6. How has Covid 19 revealed the foundation of your life?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6. Verse 4 reads: "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." From this point forward how do you plan on being the light of the gospel displaying the glory of Christ to those around you?