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## **6-WEEK STUDY**

DIVING INTO THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD

### **WEEK 4**

DISCUSSION GUIDE

**GOD IS ABOUNDING IN LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS**

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## WEEKLY READING

**Primary text from this week:** Exodus 34:6-7

## GETTING STARTED

**Goals for this session:** To consider how fear and impatience can short-circuit our call to be faithful

**Missed the sermon?** Watch it at [www.youtube.com/venturamissionary](http://www.youtube.com/venturamissionary)

**Break the Ice:** Describe a time in your life where you didn't wait on God's best and regretted it.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. On Sunday, Pastor Brian talked about a desire for reassurance from God that He isn't done with us after we have sinned. Talk about how you have experienced this in your life.
2. After you have experienced failure, talk about a time when you have responded well and a time when you have responded poorly?
3. **Read Exodus 34:6.** What ideas does the word abounding conjure up in your mind?
4. Love and faithfulness in this verse combine to create a single quality of God, *Hesed*, a Hebrew word which means "extreme hospitality." When have you experienced what you would consider extreme hospitality from someone?
5. *Hesed* is in its most basic terms a legal contract made between a rich and powerful person to a low and simple person. How does this describe what you have experienced with God?
6. Pastor Brian said, "What God has done in the past is a pattern of what He will do in the future—but He's too creative to do it the same way." In what area of your life do you need to apply this principle and trust that God will eventually deliver you?
7. Pastor Brian's final point, "We must wait for something beautiful to take place" is a call for faith during God's silence. How can you make the most out of the time that God has you in His waiting room so that you don't miss His purpose for that time?

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## PRAYER

**Pray for each other:** Pray that each person in your group would be able to trust God while they are waiting for Him to act in their lives.

**Pray for yourself:** "I am a bow on your hands, Lord. Draw me, lest I rot. Do not overdraw me, Lord, I shall break. Overdraw me, Lord, and who cares if I break?" (Pray, trusting in His timing for a current struggle.)

**Pray for your four:** Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

## ACTION STEPS

**During your prayer time each day this week:**

1. Consider a different moment in your life's story where you needed God to provide for you in a big way, and He delivered.
2. Thank God for how He delivered.
3. Believe that God will provide for you again in a current circumstance.

## NOTES

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