

Exiled

Breaking Down the Gates

Isaiah 45:1-8

TALK IT OVER

Parallel Scripture

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 1:11

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- When have you needed to break something down physically what did it take to do the task? How did it go?
- Have you ever seen God use someone to do something for his good that you didn't expect?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stand out as being particularly helpful, or difficult to grasp?
- Read Isaiah 45:1-8. What jumps out to you about what God said He is going to do for His people? How is He going to do it?
- What does He say about His people? Who are we to Him?
- Read Malachi 1:11. How marvelous is it that God's name will also be great among the nations?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How does it make you feel that God would break down the gates to get to you?
- What causes you to forget that God would break the down the gates to get you? Reflect on the Parable of the Lost Coin, Lost Sheep, and Lost Son? What does this remind of the pursuing love of God?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- What gates and walls surround you now? Can you see God breaking them down?
- Take a walk this week in a nice open space, reflect on the freedom that God has given you.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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