As you close out the year and begin the new one, here's a guide for your group to reflect back and look ahead. You may choose to meet once during these holiday weeks and walk through this discussion guide. Or you may choose to meet both weeks, doing this guide one of the weeks and serving together the other week. You can find local serving options here: tpcc.org/serve-near-calendar.

WARM-UP QUESTION

What was your favorite moment this Christmas?

DISCUSS

Reflect back on 2022, and share your top two personal moments or memories.

- In the life of your group, what are you celebrating from this past year?
- What challenges did you face in 2022, whether personally or as a group, and how did God reveal Himself in them?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

- What jumps out to you from these verses as things you walked through in 2022?
- Looking ahead to 2023, what words from these verses represent something you want to focus on this year? Why?
- Outside of these verses, what other words stand out as a focus for you in 2023?
- Is there a specific action step God is calling you to personally take in this area? Share what that looks like.
- What words or actions stand out as a possible focus for your group in 2023? Talk and pray
 together about what God might be calling your group to do this year, both to grow in
 knowledge of God and in life-giving relationships, but also to make a difference in the lives
 of others.
- What tangible action step can your group take in response? Plan one thing you can do in the next three months to do this.

Read Lamentations 3:22-26 and Isaiah 43:19.

• As you embark on the new year, how do these verses speak to you personally? Is there a particular aspect of God's character that encourages you or gives you hope?

RESPOND

- Reflect on all you just discussed, and share one thing God is asking you to do next in your personal life. If you haven't determined your next step as a group, do that now as well.
- Close your time in prayer, spending a few extra minutes thanking God for specific things He
 did in your personal lives and in your group this past year. Pray for fresh vision, hope, and
 courage as you step into what He's calling you to do in the new year. Recommit your
 individual lives and your group to knowing Him more deeply, growing in life-giving
 relationships, and making a difference.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at <u>tpcc.org/dbr</u>. Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!