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- What is your biggest fear?
- What is one regret you have in your life?
- How have you experienced God's goodness in a tangible way?

After they share, tell them what you heard.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. What does "home" mean to you? Where/when have you felt most at home?
3. What do you think of Daniel's way of living in Babylon? How much can we participate in our earthly kingdoms without giving our allegiance to them?
4. When should we speak up to critique our world and point them towards God as the true King?
5. Who in our society needs a safe place of refuge?

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