# SAME: Same Promises DISCUSSION GUIDE

## SUMMARY:

As we continue in our sermon series called "Same" (exploring the unchanging nature of God), we are focusing this week on God's eternal promises and His unchanging Word, the Bible. This is such an important subject because it's impossible to grow in our Christian faith without a healthy relationship with God's Word.

### Key Passage: Isaiah 40:8

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

### KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context. What is something that you are thankful for this week? What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week? Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

### GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

The New Testament book of Hebrews in chapter 4 verse 12 says, "the word of God is alive and active." Why is this significant for us personally?

Talk about the idea of authority in our lives. Do you believe it's important to establish the Bible as a person's ultimate authority? Why?

In times of distress or uncertainty, what brings you comfort? Do you find comfort in hearing truth about God?

## GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Abiding (spending consistent, intentional time) in the Scriptures is one of the most effective ways to experience intimacy with Jesus. Why do you think this is so? Have you found this to be true? If so, talk about your experience.

Talk about some of the methods you use in your home to prioritize the Word of God in your family. Share with the group.

If the Bible is as important for our lives as we say it is, what will you do to increase your intake of God's Word?

