

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

Assembly Required // Week 1 // I Need Some Help

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## ICEBREAKER

Can you recall a time that you were asked by an adult to do something as a kid that seemed ridiculous, but paid off big time in the end?

## KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 16-17

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As we saw in the message this past week, God was preparing Elijah for a big role. God was getting ready to move. What were the things that God asked Elijah to do? Why would those have seemed like odd requests?
2. Have you ever experienced a season of preparation? Did you know that God was preparing you for something? If you didn't know at the time, what can you see now in retrospect?
3. **Read Philippians 1:6** What encouragement can we receive knowing that God promises to work in our lives to finish what He has started? What did this look like for Elijah? Is there anything you need him to continue finishing in your life right now?
4. Sometimes we experience seasons where God is calling us to obedience. Sometimes the things He calls us to are hard, other times they are mundane tasks testing our faithfulness day in and day out. How do we discern God's voice?
5. **Read Isaiah 41:10** How can this verse encourage us when God calls us to things that are hard, or to be obedient to him even when it seems countercultural?
6. Read 2 Timothy 2:13. God promises us that He will be faithful. He cannot be unfaithful; His very character is faithfulness, so we can trust Him. How should God's faithfulness encourage us to trust in Him and depend on Him? How would life look if God weren't faithful?
7. What season do you feel like you are in right now? A season of preparation, a season of obedience, or a season of dependence? Share with your group.

## PRAYER

Take some time to pray over one another and encourage each other. Ask for God's strength and direction to help you in whatever season you find yourselves in. Thank God for His work in us, His faithfulness to never leave us, and that He promises His trustworthiness to us despite the un-dependableness of the world around us.

## CHALLENGE

Which season are you in? On a notecard, copy the corresponding verse that is listed next to the season you most resonate with, and place it somewhere you will see it this week. When a challenging moment comes up, read the verse as a prayer to God, and a reminder to yourself that God will finish His work (Philippians 1:6), He promises to be with us (Isaiah 41:10), and He can be trusted because He is faithful (2 Timothy 2:13).