



MEETING AGENDA

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

When you face problems and worries in your life, what helps you to pause and reflect deeply on the glory of God?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Was there one idea that stood out to you from David's message in Romans 16:25-27?

What practices or habits do you use to work through problems, dissatisfaction, and worry?

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

- 1. Read 1 John 2:3-6. How does obedience stem from our dependence on God, and how can it deepen our relationship with Him even further? What does an obedient life to Christ look like to you?**
- 2. Read Isaiah 40:31. We often feel that we must be independent and self-reliant to be strong. How does this point us to God as the true source of strength?**
- 3. David talked about how we gain strength through having the right perspective. What words or phrases from Romans 16:25-27 help to describe the perspective God wants us to have? How does this doxology glorify Jesus?**

4. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-9. How does this passage compare to Romans 16:25-27? How can we experience God's strength during our weakness?**

APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

[Hosts: don't feel pressure to cover all the questions below. Pick the one or two questions that might lead to the best conversation, but if discussion fades, include the others.]

1. **While the conscious decision to pray takes more strength, it creates peace. In contrast, the tendency to worry comes naturally but creates panic. What kinds of situations or circumstances cause you to worry? How might you replace habits of worry with practices of prayer?**
2. **God gives us courage and perspective so we can have a sure footing regardless of our situations. How can you be courageous through God in the midst of whatever difficult situation you are now facing?**

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

*Father God, use our limited faith and your great love to shape our daily thoughts and actions to praise and glorify you. Make firm our understanding that bringing widespread glory to your name through eternity is the goal of your church and our lives. Help us always turn first to you and rely fully on your promises for the strength we need, the desire and courage for obedience, and the deep peace that follows. In Jesus' name, **Amen.***