

WEEK TWO: GOD'S PRESENCE

143: When Your Back is Against the Wall

We feel God's presence by remembering God is present.

Key Scripture

Search as a group for key verses with "I will be with you," like Isaiah 43:2.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you remember something special that connected you with your mom or dad?
2. What helps you remember God during the busyness of your day?
3. What does the Bible say about *I will be with you*? As a group, compare the verses you like. What verses are your favorite?
4. If God is so important, why do we forget him during the day?

What Do I Do with This?

- How many minutes a day do you spend connecting with God? If the average day of a person is about 16 hours (or 960 minutes) – what percentage of your day is spent with God?
 - Example: 10 minutes/960 minutes = .01 or about 1%
 - Don't beat yourself up about this number. Compare with others in the group – but this is not a competition. Use this as a starting point – how can you increase the amount of time each day that you spend with God?
- We covered some ideas on how to remind yourself that God is there. Talk as a group about some strategies you are going to use to bring God back into your daily routine.

PRAYER

Spend some time asking for prayer requests as a group.

As you pray – make sure that you are open with God about whether you want to include him in more of your day. Pray that this is about quality time with God – not comparative time with other people.

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