



## Come Matter Here: Here & Now | July 8, 2020

### Discussion Guide

#### The Scoop

When we connect faith and life, sometimes it feels like there is a 50% chance we get it right...it's a guessing game.

#### Key Verses

**Romans 8:26-28**

*Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves..."*

#### Discussion

When we pair our life and our faith together, we tend to treat it as if it's a game of "The Price is Right." I want one thing, but God might want another. Or I think God wants me to do this, but what if I'm wrong. In a sense, we feel that we must make the right decision or the "game" is over. Most of the time it's a series of decisions that lead to where we want to go, but at any point we could lose it all if we make one bad decision.

1. Can you think of a time when you were faced with a tough decision and it felt like the consequences we win or lose?
2. Can you think of any examples where maybe you made a decision that was good but wasn't a fit long term? What about a decision that wasn't so good, but there was value in learning from it?

When presented with a large opportunity or life decision, we turn to God in that moment looking for answers or insight into the best decision. The problem is that we typically make daily decisions on our own and only connect with God when we feel the need to get it right. We can place too much emphasis on one decision without realizing that there is more to life than a simple series of decisions. Instead of viewing life as an "all or nothing" scenario at every crucial decision where God determines whether it was good or bad; imagine a faith perspective where God is always alongside us no matter which path we choose.

3. Have you ever experienced closeness with God even in the midst of a bad situation or bad decision?
4. What might it look like in your life to invite God into your life's decisions and life journey rather than consulting him in a right and wrong manner? How would your faith differ?

Living our life decisions alongside God requires a relationship more than a consultative engagement...it requires time with God. If we want our lives to be more connected to our faith and experience more meaning, we need to spend more time with God in the here and now. Romans 8:26-28 it says, "God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter." There is comfort in knowing God goes with us through good and bad. Additionally, spending time with God doesn't require having it all figured out, knowing the perfect words, or concerning ourselves with whether we are right or wrong. Instead of seeing life and faith as something to solve, this shifts our perspective to something to experience.

5. How might spending time with God reflecting in the present "here and now" help you navigate life differently?
6. What does it look like in your life to be intentional about being present with God on a more regular basis rather than when you need a right or wrong answer?

#### What's Next?

This week as you engage your faith, we encourage you to take time to be in the here and now."Anchor your thoughts to the present moment and reflect upon what you have, who you are, and who and what you want to be. Sit in the presence and promises of God.

\*\*\*You can find a template of our 5-minute faith journal at [faithinfive.com](http://faithinfive.com) to further engage your goals and connect them with your faith.\*\*\*