

April 12, 2020 | Disrupted – Week 2
Group Discussion Questions

GROUP PREP

In preparation for group, read [Romans 8:20-24](#) and [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

INTRODUCTION

Recently, words like “unprecedented” have been used to describe the recent pandemonium COVID-19 has caused, however epic disruption is nothing new to humanity. When sin entered the world, a curse was placed upon all of creation. The good news is that we can have hope in the future because of what Jesus Christ has done for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Throughout history, what epic disruptions has humanity experienced? How did they impact the world as we know it?

Read [Genesis 3:17-18](#) and [Romans 8:20](#). Because of Adam and Eve’s sin, Paul reminds us that “all creation was subjected to God’s curse.” How does the understanding that God placed a curse over all creation impact how you process our current disruption?

2. Read [Romans 8:20-24](#). What stood out to you about this text? What was most helpful, meaningful, or confusing?

What do you find yourself hoping for? How is hope in Christ different from other things we hope in?

Paul reminds us in [Galatians 3:13](#) that Jesus Christ came to reverse the curse. His sacrifice canceled the debt and restored all of creation, including our souls. What has Christ done for you?

3. Would you consider yourself full of hope or in need of more hope? Why do you feel this way?

In what ways can we produce hope?

If you were more hopeful, how would it change your life and the lives of those around you?

ACTION STEP

4. If you consistently experience the hope of Jesus Christ, would you be bold enough to share this message with someone else so they can experience this hope too? With whom will you share?

If you need more hope, what steps will you take to begin producing the living hope that Jesus Christ can provide?

Recommended Action Steps

1. **Start your day by reminding yourself of what Jesus has done and can do.** There are many ways to begin your day with the reminder of what Jesus Christ has done for you. Read a [Jesus Calling](#), the [One Year New Testament](#), download a daily devotion from the [YouVersion Bible app](#), or subscribe to a daily email devotion like [Rick Warren's Daily Devotion](#).
2. **Pray.** Stay in constant communication with God through consistent times of prayer. Set reminders on your phone and find a place to kneel down to pray.
3. **Read a book.** Recommended reading for the series, *Disrupted*.
 - a. [Unexpected](#) by Stephen & Karen Blandino
 - b. [Life Interrupted](#) by Priscilla Shirer

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

To determine how your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at bschafer@eclife.org.

FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.

My action step is _____.	
This coming week, I will encourage _____ to complete their action step.	
Their action step is _____.	
My memory verse is _____.	
This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:	
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