

## **Group Leader Guide**

### **Breakthrough: part 1 “I Need a Breakthrough”**

#### **Sermon Recap**

Pastor Chris emphasized the significance of Easter as a celebration of Jesus' resurrection, the ultimate breakthrough that defeated sin and death. He encouraged the congregation to identify areas in their lives where they need a personal, spiritual breakthrough and to bring those concerns to God. Addressing common myths about problems, Pastor Chris highlighted the importance of not blaming God, avoiding bitterness, and staying committed in difficult times. He concluded with a reminder that with God's resurrection power available to believers, no problem is too big for Him to address, urging those in need of salvation to accept Jesus into their lives.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. What from the sermon stood out to you? How were you challenged, motivated, or convicted from what you heard?
2. What does the term 'breakthrough' mean to you personally, and why do you think it's important in our lives?
  - Pastor Chris talks about the excitement and significance of a breakthrough in life, mentioning the various areas where people might need one.
  - Can you think of a time in your life when you experienced a breakthrough? How did it change you?
3. In what ways can we identify the areas in our lives where we specifically need a breakthrough, as suggested by Pastor Chris?
  - Pastor Chris encourages us to pinpoint the one area where we most need a breakthrough and to communicate that to God.
  - How do you plan to pinpoint your area of need? What steps will you take to bring that to God?
4. Pastor Chris mentions some myths about problems, like the idea that life should be problem-free. Why do you think it's important to recognize that problems are a normal part of life?
  - One of the myths discussed is that life should be problem-free, and Pastor Chris emphasizes that problems are a part of everyone's life.
  - How can recognizing that everyone faces problems change your perspective on your own challenges?
5. How does the scripture from Romans 8:11 about the resurrection power of God relate to the breakthroughs we need?
  - Pastor Chris points out that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to us for our breakthroughs.
  - How can knowing that divine power is available to you affect your approach to the challenges you're facing?
6. Pastor Chris talks about common pitfalls that can prevent breakthroughs, such as blaming God and becoming bitter. What are some practical ways to avoid these pitfalls?

- The sermon discusses pitfalls like blaming God and becoming bitter, which can keep us stuck in our problems.
- What specific strategies can you implement to focus on leaning into God rather than blaming Him in tough situations?

**Prayer**

- Share any personal prayer requests with the group.
- Ask God to help each person identify where they need a breakthrough in their lives.
- Pray for the willingness to seek God's guidance through the obstacles faced.
- Request strength and resilience to avoid pitfalls that hinder breakthroughs.