



## Deeper Application Message Guide

Sermon: "How Can One Man Solve My Problems"

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### Getting Started

- 1) What principle, insight, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain
  
- 2) At times we can feel overwhelmed or frustrated with life. The actual definition of frustration is...*anger resulting from being blocked from a goal or desire*.
  - a) What kind of circumstances usually produce frustration in our day-to-day lives?
  
- 3) Sometimes we face circumstances that overwhelm us or that we don't feel equipped to deal with.
  - a) In those moments do you feel God is close to you or far away? Explain.
  
- 4) Why do you think God allows us to be apart of the process of overcoming circumstances when he could solve our problems on His own? How does it change us?
  - a) God also uses people close to us, for example like our small group to help us grow and face tough circumstances. Why do you think God chooses to work in this way?

### Into the Bible

- 5) Read **Isaiah 43: 2-3a**  
God says, *I will be with you, for I am the Lord your God.*
  - a) Since God is with us always is there any circumstance we can not face?
  
  - b) How important then is our relationship to God? Explain.

- 6) Read **John 16:33**  
Jesus tells us that we will have trouble in this life, but to take heart, because He has overcome.

- a) If Jesus says, "I have overcome" and God says, "I am with you", how should that change the way we view the trouble in our life?
  
- b) God's ultimate purpose is to make us more like Jesus who said "I have overcome". Every circumstance can be a teaching moment for us to learn to overcome and for God to show His love. Do you think God is more committed to our *growth* or our *comfort*? Explain.

- 7) Read **Psalms 73:23-26**  
Notice two key phrases in this passage listed below and discuss how each applies to our lives.

- a) 'You guide me with your council'
  
- b) 'God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever'

### Digging Deeper

- 8) Jesus really is the answer to what we face in life, and is the portion we need to live a true life of Godly fulfillment.
  - a) How much of a priority have you put into your daily relationship with God?
  
  - b) Is spending time with God a desire or a duty? If its more of a duty, pray and ask God to help you make Him the desire of your heart, so you can face anything this life brings.