

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon Series: *I Want to Believe, but...*
And the sermon for April 22-23, 2017:
On Demand God & Bodyguard God



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- What is your favorite TV show or series?

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
Isaiah 55:8-11

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- When have you struggled with understanding God’s working in your life?
- If you could ask God to explain one thing, what would it be?
- How does God say He accomplishes his purpose ?

But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. Isaiah 43:1-2

- What does it mean to hear God has summoned you by name?
- “Waters” are trials. Does being a child of God mean you will have fewer trials in life?
- What does God promise you in your trials?
- Reflect: *The most important lesson that I have learned is to trust God in every circumstance. Lots of times we go through different trials and following God's plan seems like it doesn't make any sense at all. God is always in control and he will never leave us.*
Allyson Felix

- **Serve**

- For whom in your life now might you be the hands and heart of God, who says, “I am with you.”? Can you be with them without needing to fix what is wrong?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**