

HIGHLANDS SMALL GROUPS

LEGACY LETTERS

Big Idea

This week, Charlotte Gambill encouraged us to consider what spiritual legacy we're building as we learn to navigate this season. In 2 Corinthians, Paul calls our lives "letters" that tell the world a story. We are the living letter of God, and we need to assess if we're writing this season well. Our lives can preach a narrative of gladness or grief, faith or fear. More than ever, the world needs to read our letters and see the hope of Jesus.

The Bible is full of "legacy letters" we can look to for wisdom, written by those whose time of adversity and isolation were used to glorify God. Jonah ran from God, but his time of isolation in the belly of the fish allowed him to be still, choose obedience, and ultimately help save the people of Nineveh. Paul wrote some of his most encouraging words to the Church while in prison. He chose to speak truth and life, even on his darkest days. Caleb negated the negative narrative that the people around him were believing and chose a life-giving outlook on the challenge they faced. While others died in their doubt, he lived to receive his inheritance. Daniel's trust and faith in God while in the lion's den not only saved his life but influenced a king to declare God as the King of Kings! Just like these Biblical legacies, we get to determine how this season of our lives is remembered. Let's write our letters well!

Discussion Questions

- Jonah tried to run and hide from God. Are there things in your life you've been running from (guilt, unforgiveness, etc.)? How can you invite God to help you rewrite those areas of your life?
- Caleb silenced the negativity around him. What are some things in your life that should be silenced in order for you to write a "letter" that glorifies God?
- What story do you want your life to tell about this season? What's one step you can take this week to begin to write that letter in your life?

Prayer Focus

Lord, help me see beyond my current circumstances and recognize the letter that I am writing with my life. Teach me how to choose joy and to stand in faith as I walk through this. I know that You are working all things for good, and I pray that the letter of my life will bring You glory all along the way.

Next Steps

Charlotte Gambill challenged us to let our convictions write the commentary on our lives. Once you've decided what kind of letter you want to write, take a step this towards establishing that legacy. Maybe it's being intentional with your thought life, serving someone around you, or implementing a new healthy habit. Share your next step with your group so that they can encourage you to stick with it!

Leader Tip

Make it practical! Your group may have a variety of thoughts about the "legacy letters" they want to write. Help each person identify practical steps towards their goals, and encourage them as they grow.

