



Leader Conversation Guide – Suddenly Moments

Main Idea

In this week's message, Pastor Kyle Jackson continued our "Summer Essentials" series with a message based on the story of Joseph found in Genesis 37-50. In this story, Joseph experienced a series of "suddenly moments" that shook him, shaped him, and ultimately affected the entire trajectory of his life to make him into who God created him to be. Like Joseph, we all find ourselves shaken by "suddenly moments" in our lives, but whether those sudden events are good, bad, or random, it's important to remember that God is in them all and will use them all to shape us as well. When we stay in His hands, we will see His faithfulness as He works all things for good!

Make It Practical

- When moments shake you, don't reach for "stuff" to stabilize you. Reach for the Source, and trust that God will place you on a firm foundation.
- Allow God to shape you through your "suddenly moments" by staying in His hands. When we take matters into our own hands, we remain bitter and broken. When we're in God's hands, He can heal us and redeem our brokenness for good.
- When you've made it to the other side of your "suddenly moment," leverage what God has done in your life to make a difference in the lives of others. It isn't about what God can do for you, it's about what God can do through you.

"In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation."

1 Peter 5:10 NLT

Talk About It

1. Pastor Kyle said that during bad "suddenly moments," we often reach for things that bring temporary satisfaction to numb the pain. What do you think those temporary things might be for you? What would it look like for you to "reach for the Source" in those moments instead?
2. Pastor Kyle said that we can forget that God is in the good "suddenly moments" and question His goodness in the bad "suddenly moments." How will your response to these moments change if you remember that God is in them all and will use them all for good?
3. How can you leverage what God has done in your life to make a difference in the lives of others?

“God will use the moments that shake you to shape you.”

Prayer

God, thank You for being a Father who doesn't let us go when things go wrong. Help us to always stay in Your hands so that we can be shaped by You and made into the person You created us to be. Give us the strength to always reach to You as our Source, and help us leverage our lives for the good of others. We love You, Lord, and trust all of our moments to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Leader Tips

Encourage your group to stay in God's hands this summer and to find strength in the community of your Small Group. Make plans to spend time together as a group outside of your typical meeting time. Have fun and build relationships!