

## **Wrestling with Change**

**Main Scripture:** Acts 8:1-8

**Additional Scriptures:** Psalm 37:25, Matthew 5:3, Colossians 3:1-3

### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- Pastor Matt said that “change sometimes forces us to become who we were destined to be.” Does change *always* lend itself to helping you grow as a disciple? Why or why not?
  - What kind of change are you dealing with in your life right now?
  - How is it growing you as a disciple?
- What do you feel are some of the things God has put in your heart that may be part of your destiny as a disciple of Jesus?
  - What has hindered you from going whole heartedly after this?
- People put their trust in God, others in themselves, in other people, or in material goods. If you are honest with yourself, when change happens in your life, what is your default setting in terms of who you go to?
  - Why do you think that is?
  - What makes it hard for you to just give it all to God?
- Have you ever found out something about yourself that only surfaced because change blindsided you and your hand was forced? Share stories with the SG.
- **Matthew 5:3 (MSG) says** “You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.” How do we get more of Jesus even when we are not at the end of our rope?
- “Disciples don't let change shape them, they let God shape them through the change.” How do you approach difficult times in a way that allows God to shape you instead of allowing the change to shape you?
- “Biblical courage is not the absence of fear, but the absence of self.” How do we redirect our focus from the pain, fear, and anxiety of change onto Jesus? What are some practical ways to do this?
- “God has a way of taking things that we think or going to hinder or even destroy the plans that God has for us our lives and using them to actually illuminate the call and destiny that He has set out for us.” Do you think is true? Why or why not?

### **Doing: Application**

- Discuss the change going on in your life and discuss how you are going to make intentional steps towards allowing God to shape and mold you instead of letting the change shape you.