



# SOWING & GROWING

PREPARING FOR THE BRIGHT DAYS AHEAD

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Question #1

What resonated with you from this message?

### Question #2

Was there anything you wrestled with?

### Question #3

What is the most remarkable thing you have seen someone do?

**Question #4**

How is it that we can thrive because of our challenges and weaknesses?

**Question #5**

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Have you ever experienced Scripture equipping you to do good works? In what way?

**Question #6**

Why do we see so much disagreement in our world over what is good, moral, and just?

**Question #7**

What is Moralistic Therapeutic Deism? Why is it such a popular belief?

**Question #8**

Have you ever changed your mind about something because of what you read in the Bible?

**Question #9**

Why do you think God instructs us to boast only about knowing him?

**Question #10**

What warning does Jesus give about good works?

**Question #11**

How can we take God's perspective on what we think is remarkable? If you took that perspective, how would that impact the way you live?

## TEACHING SCRIPTURE CITATIONS

### Romans 8:37, NIV

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

### Ephesians 2:8-10, NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12, NLT

So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. 12 Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

### Titus 2:14, NLT

He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

### 2 Timothy 3:16-17, NLT

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

### Matthew 7:22-27, NIV

On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ 23 But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’ 24 Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

## TEACHING SCRIPTURE CITATIONS, CONTINUED

### Jeremiah 9:23-24, NLT

This is what the Lord says: “Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. 24 But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!

### Matthew 25:34-40, NLT

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ 37 “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

### Psalms 27:13-14, GNT

I know that I will live to see the Lord's goodness in this present life. 14 Trust in the Lord. Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the Lord.

### John 15:4-7, NLT

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. 5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.