



LIFEGROUPS

SETLIST *(worship optional)*

Our God by Chris Tomlin
Mighty to Save by Israel Houghton
You know my name by Tasha Cobbs Leonard
You are Good by Israel Houghton

OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO

SCRIPTURE *(do not read until prompted in the discussion questions)*

Proverbs 4:23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Whether you have been to church for a long time or a short time, sometimes we put expectations on God. We think if we get prayed for something then everything we are praying for should be answered right at that moment. But God doesn't do things the way we want them done. God will do what he wants to do but not in your way. If we place expectations on God we will be disappointed every single time. **Do you**

expect things from God? Have you every prayed for something and God answered it in a very unexpected way?

- God is always working in the process. He works in the waiting. Some people think that God is only involved when the answer shows up but God was involved in the waiting. God wants to change you for the good and for the long haul. It's in the process that God teaches you character. It's in the process that God does those things on the inside of you to become a mature seasoned believer. *What is your first thought when you don't feel or see God? How can you remind yourself that when you are in the process that God hasn't left you?*

- **Read Proverbs 4:23.** Whatever you allow in your heart it will produce. We think that the enemy brings our issues so we blame him when things don't go our way. But the Bible says that whatever you allow in your heart it will produce. Put a gate in front of your heart and guard from anything that can rob you of your peace and joy. If you let bad things pass the gate of your heart than it's too late. If you become it then you let it get in. *How strong is the gate around your heart? Do you need to add perimeters to make sure no unexpected issues pop up?*

OUR CHALLENGE

This week, take account of those things that you have allowed in your heart that has been causing you issues. For example, you listened to gossip and it has caused you to judge someone unfairly. Or you watched something and now it has produced bad thoughts and habits. Start putting a gate in front of your heart by stripping away those things that are producing bad seeds.