

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

OPEN: What is your favorite sport and why? Why do you think endurance running doesn't get chosen very often as a favorite sport?

DIG: There are plenty of things that try to take our focus away from Jesus, but we are told to look to Him in the midst of our struggles. Read Colossians 3:1-4. How can we focus on Jesus rather than fixating on the things that are going wrong around us?

We all have trials in life. Some members of your group are going through immense difficulties right now. It's important to see where we will be **AFTER** the trial is finished. Read James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 1:3-9. What's so encouraging about what difficulties and trials produce?

Why is it hard to see the final result in the middle of the trial? How do things change for the better when we are open and vulnerable with each other in our struggles?

REFLECT: When we focus on the grace of God, we are free to live for Him rather than for ourselves. To encourage each other, share a situation where you received the unmerited favor of God.