**COVID CONVERSATIONS STUDY GUIDE**

**SESSION FOUR**

**Interruptions**

What interruption(s) have you experienced that have changed the momentum in your life?

Share an example from your life of a puzzling, welcome, or painful interruption.

It was briefly mentioned that our knee-jerk reactions when faced with interruptions are usually ‘fleshy’. This means they are met with high emotion, quick solutions (money), or intense effort on our part to solve the problem. Can you share an example of an interruption in your life where you interpreted it both from a worldly and Godly perspective?

As you begin to interpret the interruption you’re experiencing right now,

* What might you need to repent of?
* What might you need to let go of – or add?
* What do you understand now about your previous momentum?
* What are we praying about in new ways?
* How has scripture come alive in this season?

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

* help stop or change our m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* can by p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* need to be i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We gave evidence that interruptions are all are part of God’s p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to shape us and use us for His good purposes.

In your own words, fill in a potential purpose for each of the Biblical interruptions we discussed:

Sabbath –

Mary & Joseph –

Paul –

**Jeremiah 6:16 gives advice on how to interpret interruptions.**

First, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Second, l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Third, a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This takes trust and looks like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

One benefit of doing these things is r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**For Further Study…**

Consider these Bible characters and how their lives were marked by interruptions. Compare and contrast possible interpretations to these interruptions both from the world and God’s perspective.

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| **Biblical Example** | **Worldly interpretation** | **Godly interpretation** |
| Elijah and the drought1 Kings 17-18 | (Jezebel) |  |
| Job The book of Job | (Three friends) |  |
| King David, 1 & 2 Samuel\*anointing \*Goliath\*Saul’s successor | David’s brothersGoliathSaul |  |
| Religious leaders’ response to Jesus as the MessiahMark 11:27-12:17 | SanhedrinPhariseesHerodians |  |

**Pray Jeremiah 6:16** for yourself, inserting personal pronouns where appropriate.

*Thus says the Lord:
Stand at the crossroads, and look,
    and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
    and find rest for your souls.*