

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of December 27, 2020

The Fall Quarter of small groups has concluded and the Winter Quarter will begin in mid-January. This week's Food for Thought is for your own study in diving deeper into this week's message.

1. Think back on a situation that you felt was impossible; or perhaps you're facing one now. How might the following verses change your perspective of your circumstances?

Jeremiah 32:26-27

Isaiah 40:28-31

Psalms 28:6-7

Psalms 40:1-3

Psalms 56:3-4

2. Knowing that *God has a plan* for us rather than knowing *the plan* requires trust. Where do these verses direct us to put our trust—in who God is, or what we think His plan is?

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Prov. 3:5-6

2 Cor. 12:7-10

3. Jim said that the disciple's efforts in both of the situations they faced were not enough. Does this mean that when we face impossible situations we should just "let go and let God"? What is our part, if any, in such situations?

4. As we close out a very difficult (to say the least!) year, take a few moments to recall how God has shown His faithfulness to you. Is there someone you can share those instances with as an encouragement?



The Gospel of John: That You May Believe ***The Sufficiency of Christ***

Jim Vandermeer John 6:1-21 December 27, 2020

Understanding that Jesus is Enough

You'll never know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have. ---Corrie ten Boom

I Insurmountable Task John 6:1-9

When things are impossible, are they really impossible?

If Jesus is God's son, then the power to solve our problems is here in our midst. We may not see it yet, but He is here.

II Christ's Economy John 6:8-15

Jesus unfolds His plan...

...that results in an overwhelming abundance...

...and leads to a response.

III Futile Efforts John 6:16-21

An appointed task.

Efforts that fail.

Do not be afraid.

Divine intervention.