



Jesus loved having deep, thought-provoking conversations with those around Him. We too can have such conversations, based on His Word.

FOR: families, couples, friends, & small groups.

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How to use POP [Purpose of Passage] cards:

1. Give a copy of the same POP card to each family member or friend to reflect on.
2. Ask one person to read the Bible passage out loud.
3. Starting with the youngest, invite each person to share their thoughts to a question on the reverse side.
4. Discuss what this passage means to you today.
5. Pray together.

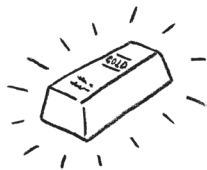
For more information, see chapter 7 of *As Light Lingers*.

for my  
THOUGHTS  
are not your  
THOUGHTS,  
Nor are your  
WAYS my WAYS, says the LORD.  
for as the HEAVENS  
are higher than the EARTH,  
So are My WAYS  
higher than your ways  
and My THOUGHTS than  
your THOUGHTS.  
ISAIAH 55:8-9

look, I go **FORWARD**  
but He is not there, and  
**BACKWARD**,  
but I cannot perceive Him;  
when He works on the LEFT HAND, when He turns to the RIGHT HAND,  
I cannot behold Him; I cannot see Him.  
**BUT**  
He knows the way that  
I take;  
when He has tested me,  
I shall come forth as **GOLD**  
JOB 23:8-10

Let NOT your  
HEART be troubled;  
you BELIEVE in God;  
believe also in ME.  
In My  
FATHER'S  
HOUSE  
are many  
MANSIONS;  
if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I go to prepare a  
PLACE for you. And if I go &  
PREPARE a place for you  
I WILL come again and  
RECEIVE you to MYSELF;  
that where I am, there you may be also.  
And where I go you know, & the way you know.  
JOHN 14:1-4

YOU ARE MY  
LAMP.  
O LORD;  
the LORD shall  
ENLIGHTEN  
my darkness.  
As for God, His way is  
PERFECT;  
the WORD of the  
Lord is PROVEN;  
He is a  
SHIELD  
to all who  
TRUST  
in Him.  
2 SAMUEL 22:29, 31



- What is Job talking about here?
- Have you ever wondered whether God is really still there? When?
- In what ways might God test us, as Job suggests?
- How can we become like gold? What does that mean?
- How can this passage encourage you today?

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- Have you ever been afraid of the dark?
- What makes the dark scary?
- How could God be our lamp?
- When have you doubted that God's way is perfect?
- When have you trusted in God's way?
- What do you need God to shield you from today?

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- Have you ever looked at the stars at night and wondered how far up heaven is?
- What might it be like for God to look all the way down to earth from heaven?
- Why are God's thoughts different from our thoughts?
- What does this verse mean to us today? Why might we need to be reminded of this?

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- What is one thing you're most looking forward to about heaven?
- What kinds of things are troubling your heart at the moment?
- On a scale of one being very easy, and five being very difficult, how easy or difficult do you find it to believe in God and what He has said?
- What kind of place do you think Jesus is preparing for you right now? (For more details, see Revelation 21-22.)
- What kind of God cares so deeply for humankind that He would use all measures to secure our future in heaven with Him?

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FOR I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES, AND HE SHALL STAND ON THE EARTH AT LAST. AND AFTER MY SKIN IS DESTROYED, this I know, THAT in MY FLESH I shall see GOD. whom I shall see for myself, AND MY EYES SHALL BEHOLD, AND NOT ANOTHER. How MY HEART YEARNS within ME! JOB 19:25-27

DO NOT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES  
**TREASURES**  
ON EARTH, where MOTH and RUST destroy & where THIEVES break in & steal.

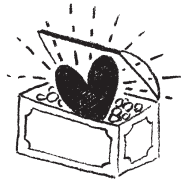
BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES  
**TREASURES in HEAVEN,**

where neither MOTH nor RUST destroys & where THIEVES do not break in & steal.

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, there your heart is also.  
MATTHEW 6:19-21

ASK, and it will be given to you;  
SEEK, and you will find;  
KNOCK, and it will be opened to you.  
For everyone who asks → RECEIVES ← and he who seeks FINDS, and to him who knocks it will be OPENED.  
MATTHEW 7:7,8

Whoever dwells in the SHELTER of the will REST in the of the ALMIGHTY. I will say of the LORD, "He is my REFUGE and FORTRESS, My God in whom I TRUST." SURELY he will save you from the FOWLER'S SNARE & from DEADLY PESTILENCE  
PSALM 91:1-3 NIV



- What are some of the treasures in your life?
- What “treasure” is Jesus talking about here?
- What are the two options we have with our treasures?
- Which treasure is easier to store—the earthly ones, or the heavenly ones? Why?
- Does the treasure influence our heart, or does the condition of our hearts influence the kinds of treasures we seek?

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- What is this passage talking about?
- Are you sure, like Job, that Jesus lives?
- Why is it important for Jesus to stand on this earth?
- Does this all seem a bit like a dream—a story you might have heard before that seems too good to be true? Why?
- How does your heart feel about this promise?

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- When have you felt very hot and looked for a shadow to sit in?
- What would it be like to sit in God’s shadow?
- These verses talk about resting in God’s shadow. Why would you need to do that?
- What do these words make you think of? refuge, fortress, snare, pestilence
- How can God save you from these kinds of things in life?
- How can you stay in His shadow today?

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- What do you imagine asking, seeking, and knocking to look like in your life?
- Is there any relationship between asking, seeking, and knocking? If so, what?
- There is no doubt in these words that Jesus spoke. None at all. What is the role of faith here?
- Each of these things requires action from us. Why is this important in our relationship with God?
- Is God’s response always what we expect? Have you ever felt disappointed by God’s answer to your asking only to see later on that it was for the best?

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