

DIG BABY DIG | 10-9-16

REFLECT & DISCUSS

There are times in our lives when we swing from one extreme to the other. One extreme is when we ask God to do something in our lives but don't do anything to make it happen. The other extreme is when we get impatient with God's timing and try to make everything happen in our own strength. Which one of these extremes do you struggle with more often than the other? Instead of living out of these extremes, when we partner with God, greater things happen. What are a few greater things you would like to see in your life?

READ: *2 Kings 3:9-10*

Three kings allied to fight against an enemy. They traveled through the desert for seven days in order to make a surprise attack. On the seventh day, they ran out of water and blamed God. Was it fair for the King of Israel to blame God? Have you ever felt like you chose to obey God and your life got harder instead of easier? What do we do when we serve God the best we can and still experience brokenness, hardship, and unmet expectations?

READ: *2 Kings 3:15-18*

How would you feel if God asked you to dig ditches after traveling in the desert for seven days and running out of water? Why did God want them to dig ditches? What would have happened if they didn't dig any ditches? What happens when we do our part and God does His? What ditches is God calling you to dig in your life?

READ: *James 1:2-4*

In real life, how do you face trials with joy? According to this Scripture, what does the testing of our faith produce? Reflect on this statement: *Trails are the training ground of God's transformation in our lives.* What trials have you been through or are you going through that God wants to use to train you?

CHALLENGE

When you have conflict in a relationship, **DIG BABY DIG!**

When you struggle with managing money God's way, **DIG BABY DIG!**

When you are depressed and lonely, **DIG BABY DIG!**

When you are exhausted and don't want to dig any more, **DIG BABY DIG!**

PRAYER

"Jesus, I'm done with waiting on You to do my part and trying to do Your part. I want to partner with you so that I can step into greater things. Give me strength to keep digging ditches and trusting You to bring the water!"