

**Introduction:** *Check for understanding using “Think-Pair-Share” technique.*

Read the following quote to your group members: “Think back to a time when someone promised you something but failed to fulfill that promise. How did it make you feel? Do you have a tendency to doubt God’s promises? Why?”

**Think-Pair-Share:** Say something like the following: “**Think** for 30 seconds about the above statement and the related questions. Now I want you to discuss this in **pairs** with a person on your left or right who is not your spouse.” (Pause for 60 seconds.) Call on 3-4 pairs to **share** one idea.

**Point 1:** *Help your students understand God’s immutability.*

This section emphasizes God’s blessing of His people by delivering them. His deliverance is based on His unchanging character. Divide the group into 2-3 smaller groups and give each of them a printout of the following article. As they read it, ask them to note 3-4 facts that we can rest on because God does not change. Have each group share their insights.

“God Never Changes”

*“Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, He never changes or casts shifting shadows” (James 1:17).*

God never changes. In fact, it is impossible for God to change. The influences that cause change in your life have no effect on God. He will never be stronger or weaker. His knowledge and wisdom will not increase or diminish. God does not compromise or change His values. And God does not have mood swings. Life and its uncertainties may shake you, but God—the Rock of Ages—does not move. If you cling to Him, His strength will sustain you.

God's unchanging purpose gives you eternal significance. Psalm 33:11 states, “The Lord's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken.” God's plan is unchangeable. It existed at the beginning of creation and remains the same today. And you are part of His plan! Paul explains, “We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago” (Ephesians 2:10).

God's unchangeable ways assure you of unwavering guidance. Psalm 18:30 states, "As for God, His way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true." God's principles for life never change. His guidelines, given in Scripture, produce fruitful lives when you follow them.

God's unchanging Word equips you with timeless truth. Isaiah declared, "The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8). God's words and commands are timeless.

God's unchanging commitment guarantees everlasting security. If you have trusted in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you can be assured of eternal life. God is eternally committed to your redemption, your spiritual growth, and your eternal destiny. God's commitment to you is as strong as He is eternally constant. The storms of life are continually changing, but God remains the same. He is consistent and reliable. He is your anchor. You can count on God because He never changes.

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).*

[Source: "God Never Changes," Discover God, accessed January 15, 2019, <http://www.discovergod.com/character13.html>.]

**Point 2: *Help your group understand the major theme through music.***

Play the song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k1WhFtVp0o> (4 minutes, 39 seconds). As your group members listen to the song, ask them to jot down truths about God's faithfulness and how they give the believer comfort. At the end, allow 2-3 to share their insights.

**Point 3: *Help your group understand the session through a quote.***

Read the following excerpt to your group. Ask them to think about its meaning and challenge them to apply the truth of the conquering King's return to their daily lives:

Christians today look for Jesus to return to gather His people to Himself (1 Thess. 4:13-18) and then establish His righteous kingdom. Peter assures us that "the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night"; and then, in light of this fact, he asks, "Therefore... what manner of persons ought to you be in holy conduct and godliness?" (2 Peter 3:10-11 NKJV). Future hope ought to produce present holiness. Are we ready for His return?

[Source: Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be Concerned: Making a Difference in Your Lifetime*, cited in *Be Quoted From A to Z with Warren W. Wiersbe*, ed. James R. Adair (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2000), 147.]

**Conclusion:** *Challenge your group to live the session.*

Ask group members to spend a few minutes individually thinking over the content of the session and have them identify 1-2 areas that the Lord has shown them. Encourage them to spend a few minutes in prayer, thanking God for His provision, blessing, faithfulness, and love.

### **Teaching Tip of the Week**

“What are they thinking about?” Every teacher should have this in mind when they walk into the classroom. If a teacher thinks their students are always ready to learn and fully engage with the lesson, they are naïve. Students might be thinking about problems with their family, their job, the beautiful weather, bills, or any number of things. The first task of a teacher is to “prime the pump” of learning by getting them to *want* to learn about the subject at hand. The student needs to know in the first minute or two the value of the lesson for their lives. If you can’t get them engaged early, they probably won’t assimilate the lesson.