



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If your pet (or the pet of someone you visit frequently if you don't have one) got to write the epitaph for your tombstone, what do you imagine it might be?

1. Pastor Tony spoke of the confusion and frustration of being “stuck in the space in between” with all its waiting, uncertainty, and tension. When was the last time you experienced that “space” and how did you respond to it?
2. Pastor Tony suggested that the Christians described in **James 4:1-3** are examples of the “scramble” we go through when we try to resolve the tension of the “space in between” our old life and our new life in Christ. What did it/does it look like when you try to resolve that tension on your own and how successful have you been?
3. Read **Luke 4:14-24**. Pastor Tony indicated that in these verses, Jesus revealed to his hometown that He had come to bring about an exchange of the old and broken for the new and redeemed, but his community rejected Him. Why do some reject this invitation or why did you reject it before you finally said ‘YES!’ to Jesus?
4. Read the “actual offer” in **Isaiah 61:3**, noting the exchanges mentioned. If you were going to continue this list based on what Jesus has done for you after you said ‘YES!’, what exchanges would you include?
5. Pastor Tony challenged each of us to “call out the sin solution” to the “space in between”, which is really no solution at all, and say ‘YES!’ to the solution God offers to us, which is the only real solution: Jesus! If you have yet to say ‘YES!’ to Jesus’ invitation, what is keeping you from letting go of your broken solution and grabbing onto Jesus?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Mark 16; Psalm 133

Day Two: Numbers 16; Proverbs 9

Day Three: Ephesians 4; 2 Kings 7

Day Four: 1 Thessalonians 3; Ezekiel 10

Day Five: Job 9; Acts 21

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The Space in Between
"THE GREAT EXCHANGE"
Pastor Tony Myles | Aug 3, 2025

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The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come. (Isaiah 61:1-2, referenced by Jesus in Luke 4)

We often feel stuck in the "space in between" - moments when we're _____ where we were, but _____ where we want to be.

- These moments can feel confusing, frustrating, and discouraging...or can become _____.
- What can we do with the waiting, the uncertainty, the tension? And where's God in all of it?

Satisfaction _____? (see James 4:1-3)

- When we aren't satisfied, we uniquely _____.
- The real ache isn't just about what happened to you, but about what you're _____.
- (Spoiler alert: Your deepest desires don't go away just because you're doing _____.)

Isaiah 61:1-2: _____ is revealing the exchange?

- It's easy to _____ in someone who is _____. (Luke 4:14-16, 21-24)
- A striking message comes best from a _____.
- When do you most tend to send God's person in your life _____? (Luke 4:28-30)

Isaiah 61:3: What is the _____?

- This isn't _____ or _____ help... it's the _____ LIFE of Jesus in your _____ life... it's His _____ over your strong _____. (Luke 4:31-32)
- God invites us to give Him what's been hurting us - and to _____.
- What if we could trade what's been weighing us down for something better - _____?
- It's not about a tweak or an adjustment - but an actual _____.
 - Lay down your _____ - and humbly _____.

Isaiah 61:4: What happens next?

- Call out the "s_____ s_____" in your life.
- Extend the exchange to others by example, story-telling and _____. (Acts 26:17-18)

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE SPACE IN BETWEEN?:

- Jesus already made His choice - He _____. Now you get to make your choice - and _____. (John 1:12)
- Faith isn't about pretending everything's fine. It's about being honest enough to say, "This isn't working," and reaching for what God is offering... _____.
- Now, decide what you'll let go of and what you'll _____. (Luke 9:23)

Don't miss this...
 Why settle for Jesus getting the last word when He can also give you the _____ and the _____?

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- A striking message comes best from a stricken messenger.
- When do you most tend to send God's person in your life toward a cliff? (Luke 4:28-30)

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