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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

Pack Your Bags – Week 4 Praying Ahead

ICE-BREAKER: On a scale of 1 to 10, how much stress do you usually experience during periods of change?

How does your level of stress affect how you navigate change?

How do you prepare for the next season when you can see what's coming?
How about when you can't see what's coming?

When have you learned from the mistakes of someone else?

What consequences have you been able to avoid by learning from others?

Do you know of anyone who has learned from your mistakes?

Talk about a time when you could see what was coming next, but still felt overwhelmed when it came. Could you have done anything differently to prepare for that season?

What decision—good or bad—have you made in the past that is affecting your present and will continue to affect your future?

READ: Proverbs 27:12

How good are you at acknowledging danger that you desperately don't want to see? Do you think it's possible to develop the ability to "see danger and take refuge," or do you think it's a gift some have, and some don't? Please explain.

Can you see change ahead? If so, what can you do this week to take refuge in God? How can this group support you?

Now is better than later because now will make later better. Do you agree?

Close by praying: *God, help me see trouble coming long before it gets here. Then give me the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to do it.*