



# TALK IT OVER

*Our Talk It Over is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each participant. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel. Choose just one or a few of the questions to consider this week.*

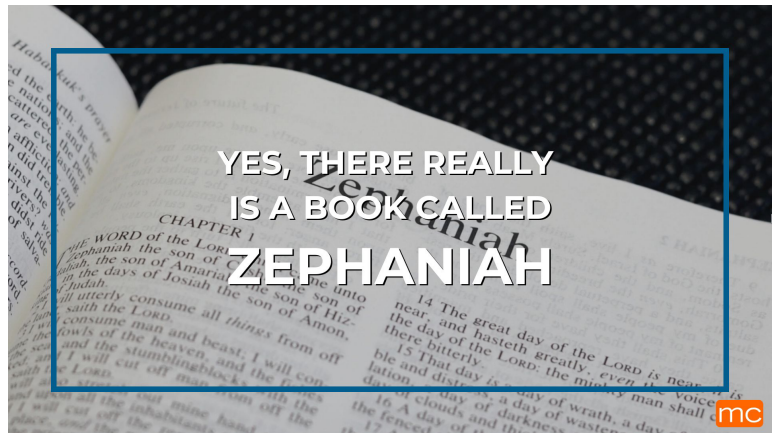
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## Warm-Up:

When have you looked back on a hard season and realized later that it changed you for the better? What helped you see that in hindsight?

## Discuss:

1. The Book of Zephaniah emphasizes that there is “more going on” than what we can see. What are some ways we tend to live as if only what is visible is real?
2. The message of Zephaniah points to God working behind and through difficult realities. Where do you see tension between what you feel and what you believe about God’s activity in your life?
3. Zephaniah moves from silence and awareness (chapter 1), to struggle (chapter 2), to restoration and joy (chapter 3). Which of these stages do you feel most connected to right now, and why?
4. The call at the end of Zephaniah is to sing, rejoice, and celebrate. How can praise change the way we see our circumstances, even when nothing has changed yet?
5. What is one situation in your life where you need to trust that God is at work, even if you can’t see results yet? Where might God be using a difficult season to bring about growth, healing, or new life?
6. What does it look like for you to “be still” instead of trying to control or solve everything on your own?
7. How can worship—through music, prayer, or gratitude—help you stay aware of God’s presence?



## Apply:

Try one (or more!) each day this week to remind yourself that God is present and active, even when life feels uncertain.

- Spend two minutes each morning naming something you trust God with.
- Write down one way you see God at work each day, even in small ways.
- Play a worship song, take a breath, and tell God what’s weighing on you. Let the music be your reminder that you’re not carrying this alone.

## Pray:

God of restoration, Thank you for working even when we cannot see it. Help us quiet our hearts, trust your presence, and believe that you are bringing new life from every season. Teach us to rejoice, to sing, and to live in hope, knowing you are always at work for our good. Amen.