

COMMUNITY GROUP OUTLINE—THE WEEK OF 1/7/18
Wimberley
“Have a Plan”

WELCOME

How do you tend to react when a crisis or hardship hits you? Do you get worked up and ready to fight? Or do you withdraw and pull inward?

WORSHIP

Pray and commit yourselves to the Lord whether 2018 brings celebrations/triumphs or hardships/trials. Spend a minute hearing from the Lord and visualizing how you can be more dependent on Him regardless of the circumstances.

WORD

- How did it go obeying last week’s passage in the specific way that you felt led?
- Did you share the story or message of the passage with anyone?

Read the following passages out loud together a few times, perhaps from two or three different translations, discussing what stands out to people and its main point:

Hardship will come: Psalm 23:4; Romans 5:3-5

Be ready to respond: John 8:2-11

Ask group members to retell or restate the message of the passage in their own words. (If you have a large group, you break down into groups of three or four to do this.)

Now, each person says how they feel they are to **obey** it. The response that each person chooses is totally up to them.

Then each person says who they might share it with—perhaps a friend, family member, or coworker that needs the encouragement that the story or passage offers. (This is easy to do because they practiced retelling the passage to one another.)

WORKS

Create a couple of steps that you will implement when you face hardship or difficulty this year. Choose a couple from this list:

Remain Calm; Pray; Read Scripture; Get Understanding; Stand Firm; Take Appropriate Action; Seek Wise Counsel; Persevere