



## **Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.**

*Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.*

- Have you ever thought about your life story as being just one chapter in the larger story the Bible tells? How can this idea help you as you read the Bible and as you make decisions?
- In what areas of life do you need to “remember the big picture”? How does having God's perspective help you practically as you deal with the struggles, tensions, and issues of life?
- Can you think of an area in your life where you are slipping into “idolatry”? Think about the areas where you are struggling. Are you struggling for the right reasons, or are you in a pickle because you've been putting something else into God's seat and letting that drive your decisions? What practical changes could you make this week to start moving in the right direction?

**Some next steps:** Here are some things you can do this week to allow God to keep directing your life:

- Keep up with the NT 40 reading plan; at this point you're halfway done. You can do it! If you've fallen behind, this week is a great week to pick it back up as we hit a natural break. Commit to reading along with us again starting on Tuesday as we begin to read Matthew.
- This week, set aside 30 minutes and prayerfully work through the last question in the top section. Talk it over with your spouse, your friends, or someone you trust. As you do this, remember that there is always hope and that God wants what is best for you (Ephesians 3.14-19). And before you begin to work through those questions we invite you to pray Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:16-19 for yourself as you tackle these questions.
- Pray each day for three of your friends and neighbors who do not know Christ. Pray that God would show you ways to share your story with them (and that you'd have the strength to do it!)

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THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 40 DAYS

## SERMON NOTES & STUDY QUESTIONS