



## Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. God always wants to put us back together. His-story is one of healing broken pieces. The brokenness of shame, betrayal, disappointment, persecution, hatred, confusion, etc. Have you ever experienced any of these in your life? How did God help you heal from those? If you are still in the process of healing, how is God helping you right now?
2. Read the Genesis verses. In these, we find a woman called Hagar who is mistreated because she had to follow the decision of someone else. In her hurt, God comforts her and she says (in verse 13), “You are the God who sees me.” When you feel “seen” by someone, what is that like? In what ways do you give that same experience to others so they feel seen by you?
3. We need the Lord with us. It is through Him that we become aware of our brokenness. Herein lies the key; in any of the cases you can recite from scripture about God healing someone’s brokenness—or in your own life—it is not what they (or you) have done, but what God has done in you. Tell about how you have been transformed (a thorough or dramatic change) in a particular area in your life. What did you learn about God in the process?
4. We get confused. We think it is our own efforts and work. But our faith isn’t in what we do. Our faith—and our healing— is in who Jesus is and what He has done and is doing. What is God actively doing in your life right now?
5. Read the Psalm verses. How do these verses speak to you where you are right now? In what ways have you grown in your faith in the last year?
6. So many times in life, our own choices or circumstances can cause us to feel like all we have to offer is our own brokenness, but the opposite is true. God can, does and will make something beautiful out of your life. What new things have you discovered about God this past year?

## “Beauty Out of Brokenness”

Week of April 18, 2021

### Main Idea

***God wants to put us back together.***

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

***Read aloud:***

***Psalm 34:17-19***

***Genesis 16:7-11***

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### Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

**Mon:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thu:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.*