

Book Club

Trusting a God Who Goes Off Script

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." Exodus 32:1-4 NIV

... "I believe; help my unbelief!"
Mark 9:24 ESV

One thing have I desired ... that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD ... to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.
Psalm 27:4 KJV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What makes opening up to someone easier for you?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- What is your normal response to disappointments, doubts, or disbelief? In what ways do you handle them well, and how could you grow as you process these emotions and thoughts?
- Read **Exodus 32:1-4**. What stands out to you in this passage? How do you respond when you feel like God is taking too long to answer your prayers?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Sometimes we long for something that only God can give us, but we reach for other things to meet that need. What are you longing for right now, and what are you reaching for?
- Is there a situation where you feel like God has gone off script? Talk about that with your LifeGroup and spend time praying together.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for being with us. Help us come to You when we have doubts, disbeliefs, and disappointments. We want to long for You and reach for You. Please give us the rest and peace that comes only from You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Watch the You've Heard It Said miniseries, Permission to Doubt to hear stories from people who have walked through doubt:](http://www.go2.lc/YHISdoubt)
- Start the *Doubting God* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/doubtingGod
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.