

Middle School Discussion Guide

Dreams to Reality: For the week of January 3 - 9, 2021

Main Thought and Bible Scripture:

With the way 2020 has gone, we can choose to put our heads down in 2021. But God doesn't want us to face the new year like that. There is an Old Testament example in the book of Habakkuk that shows how God wants us to stay vigilant—to watch for what He will say to us. When He speaks, and when we obey, dreams and visions can become clear. Keep in mind that the fulfillment of what God says will happen as we live in faith and trust in His timing. The way we'll hear and know God's voice is through a consistent relationship with Him—through prayer and reading our bibles. What do you think God is saying to you for the new year?

"I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the Lord says and how he will answer my complaint. ²Then the Lord said to me, 'Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. ³This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed. ⁴Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.'" (Habakkuk 2:1-4 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from the main thought and Bible scripture above?
- How do you think you can find clarity in God's voice?
- Take a moment to pause and pray to God to see what He may be saying to you about 2021. It may come in a vision of pictures or maybe a Bible verse. Try to describe what you got from God in one word for the year 2021. Share what that word is.
- On a practical note, think of one goal you want to accomplish in 2021 for your life and one faith goal you want to accomplish in your relationship with God. (ie, practical goal: read the New Testament/faith goal: bring a friend to small group)

Prayer Points:

- Pray for God to give us a dream, vision, or goal for 2021.
- Pray for the courage to take steps of faith to accomplish what God says.