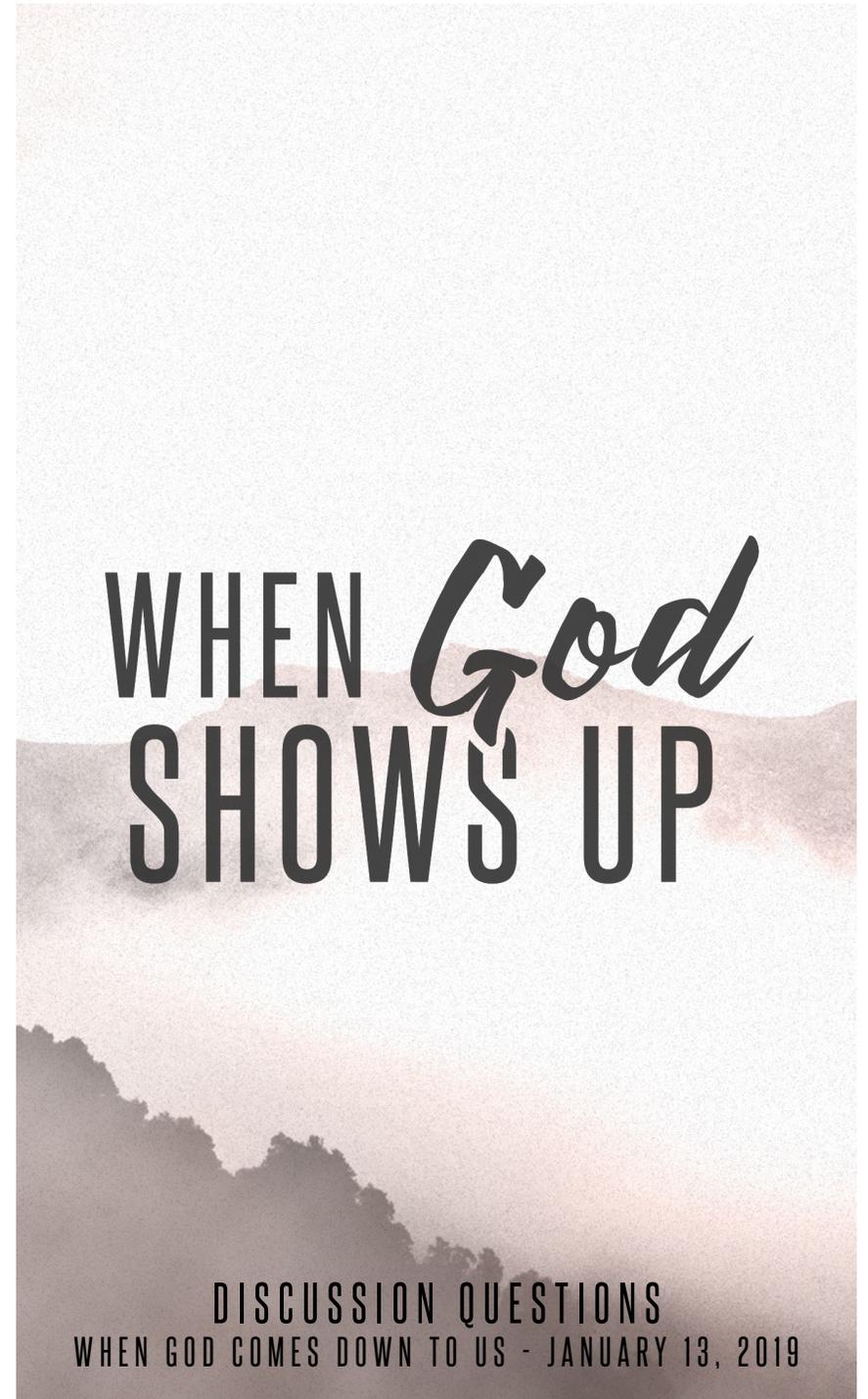


NOTES & QUOTES



CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Have you ever had a surprise or unexpected visitor, maybe for an anniversary, or a birthday celebration or for Christmas? What was that experience like? How did you feel when they showed up?
2. Describe a time when have you experienced spiritual revival or renewal in your life or in a church community you were part of?
3. Have you ever been (or are you now) experiencing such a difficult time that you could identify with this scripture, crying for God to “tear open the heavens and come down”? In hindsight how did God help you in that time?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Isaiah 64:1-12. What stands out to you in this passage? What do you find inspiring, confusing, or difficult to understand?
5. What does this passage say about the condition of people without God? Why is verse one the solution to their dilemma?
6. What is our responsibility in bringing about or blocking God’s intervention and help in our lives according to verse five?

7. What does verse eight tell us about Isaiah’s relation with God? Why does this motivate him to trust God completely and be so honest about his need?
8. In this prayer, Isaiah is pleading not only for his own benefit but for others. In verse nine, he asks God to remember that “we are all your people”. Who is the “we” to whom Isaiah refers? Israel? People of faith? All humanity? Does your response to this passage change if you imagine a different subject?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. How can this passage be a model to enrich and deepen your own prayer life and relationship with God?
10. Where would you desire to see God show up and see his intervening power at work in your life, our church, and community today? Are you asking God for that in prayer?
11. If you were part of our days of prayer at Compass, what was one of the highlights? What did God impress upon you? What do you think would help bring about revival in our church?

Pause, Ponder & Pray

“Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.” Isaiah 64:8