



WARMING UP

1. If this is your first small group gathering of the fall season, take a few moments to have each person share his or her highlight from the summer.

DIGGING IN

2. *Not-So-Random Thought #1—God will keep us in perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3).* Think back to one year ago. What has happened in your life good and/or bad since then? As you consider the year to come, what potential happenings fill you with either anticipation or apprehension? How does experiencing God’s “perfect peace” make all the difference? When has this been your reality in the past? What are the two keys for us to truly know God’s peace?
3. *Not-So-Random Thought #2—God will work through us (Isaiah 26:12b).* According to this verse, who exactly is doing the work? Unpack this statement from Pastor Todd: “All that we have accomplished God has actually done for us.” How is this truth an encouragement? What is your specific part in the work of God at Harvest? How have you seen him do his work through you?
4. *Not-So-Random Thought #3—God will prove his word (Isaiah 40:8).* What does “the word of our God will stand forever” actually mean? What are some of the ways that we seek to prioritize Scripture and recognize its authority within the life of Harvest? How do you strive to let God’s word be proven in your own life? How could you grow in this area this year?
5. *Not-So-Random Thought #4—God will do a new thing (Isaiah 43:18-19).* How do we sometimes continue to live according to the “former things” and the “things of old”? Why is this problematic? To what degree is this true of you? What new “rivers in the desert” does God want to bring to your life?
6. *Not-So-Random Thought #5—God will grow us (Isaiah 54:2-3).* Our approach to growth at Harvest is “not a quantity of disciples but a quality of discipleship.” What are the practical implications? Pastor Todd mentioned three areas that he wants us to pray for growth in: (a) global impact; (b) church family; and (c) individual lives. What would this look like?
7. *Not-So-Random Thought #6—God will send us on mission (Isaiah 61:1-2).* How would you describe the mission outlined in these verses? How did Jesus fulfill it (cf. Luke 4:21)? How has God called us to the very same mission? Andy Stanley says, “The church is a family, expecting guests.” How can you increasingly cultivate this missional mindset?
8. *Not-So-Random Thought #7—God will show his glory (Isaiah 66:18b).* How does God want to show his glory through us collectively and you individually?

BREAKING OUT

9. Spend time in focused prayer about these not-so-random thoughts from Isaiah. Ask God to do amazing things in our church and in your small group this year.