



**Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!**

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** When God Says No, 6/12/22 - Have you ever prayed and felt like your prayers were unanswered. Maybe God was saying “No.” God says “yes” a lot, but occasionally God says “no.” It’s hard to understand and it can really test our faith. Sometimes, looking back, we can understand why God answered “no.” But we don’t always know the reason behind it. So, what do we do when God says “no.” This message looks at the bigger picture, the greater grace and the deeper worship that we can experience in those tough moments. *(Passages: 1 John 5:14-15; Acts 16:6-9; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; 2 Samuel 12:16-18)*

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

Can you think of a time when God answered one of your prayers with a “yes”? Can you tell that story to the group?

Can you think of a time when God answered one of your prayers with a “no”? Can you share that story with the group?

What are some reasons you can think of why God might answer “no”?

Read Acts 16:6-9: What sticks out to you about this passage? Why? What did God say “no” in response to? What did Paul do in response?

Read 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10. What sticks out to you about this passage? Why? What did God say “no” in response to? What did Paul do in response?

Read 2 Samuel 12:16-18. What sticks out to you about this passage? Why? What did God say “no” in response to? What did David do in response?

God has a bigger picture, a greater grace, and a deeper worship for Paul and David in these moments. Which one do you need to see in your life the most?

**Group Challenge:**

**Invite a friend or family member who doesn’t go to church to come to church with you this weekend.**