



### **In the Meantime, Pt. 1: The New Normal**

There are problems for which there are seemingly no solutions—where there are questions, but no answers. It is what it is, and it looks like that's just the way it's going to be. Relationally, financially, professionally, physically, academically. So, what do you do when there's nothing you can do? What do you do in-the-meantime?

**Bottom Line:** God is not absent, unconcerned, or angry. God can be silent and not be absent.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What's one of the best pieces of advice you've ever received? How has that advice affected you?
2. Talk about a season of life—childhood, your teen years, college, early adulthood—that you look back on fondly. What did you enjoy about that season?
3. During the message, Andy asserted that God loves you regardless of whether it feels like he loves you. How would your life be different if you lived as though you fully believed that truth?
4. When have you faced a difficult event or season in life that caused you to feel you'd never be happy again or that no good could come from what you were experiencing? What happened?
5. How have you seen someone demonstrate great faith in God despite difficult circumstances?
6. **Read Matthew 4:12–13** and answer the question that follows the verse. "When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum..." When have you felt like God was "at the beach" while you were "in the desert"?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?

\*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.