



Faith Baptist Church D-Group Discussion Guide February 5, 2023

1. Pastor Matt said, “As a child of God, opposition and adversity should be expected.” How has this occurred in your life? Give an example. (Note: He was not referring to our sins’ consequences, but what spiritual reality addressed in Eph. 6:12)

2. Have you experienced delays in your life that you thought were untimely? Did it work out for your best? If not, what might be some biblical conclusions as to why? How is God’s “discipline of delay” formative in your life?

3. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. Practically speaking, how do you stay alert and sober minded, as well as resist and stand firm in light of your enemy’s description? In what ways does the shared suffering of all believers in the world impact your resolve?

4. According to the sermon, “God’s plan is never foiled by our failures.” No one escapes failures and disappointments: plan on it, prepare for it, and profit from it. Suggest some ways you can put these three steps into practice? Why are they essential in our spiritual growth? How can this group help keep you accountable?

Homework for Sunday: Read Ezra chapter 5.