

Get Back In The Gate

Conversation Starters

- What are some New Year's resolutions you set? How are they going?
- What's your word for 2018? Why?
- What's something you didn't understand as a kid, and now you'd be able to tell your parents, "I get it now"?
- Who is your favorite superhero or celebrity? Why?

Review

Ask eGroup members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

Start with Scripture

Read 2 Samuel 19:1-8.

Encourage your eGroup to open their Bibles to 2 Samuel. Ask someone in your eGroup to read this passage.

- Look at verses two and three. Why do you think David's grief has such a strong reaction among his men?
- In verses five through seven, why do you think Joab needed to rebuke David so firmly in order to get him focused?
- **Take It Further:** now look at 1 Samuel 17:17-24. David obeys his father and carries food and supplies to his brothers, who are fighting the Philistines. It's here that he kills Goliath and begins his journey to king. How is young David different from the David in 2 Samuel 19 who is weeping after his army has won? (*Young David was looking for ways to be engaged, and God worked through him.*)

Make It Personal

- In what areas of your life are you most engaged right now? (What gates are you in?)
- Do you think this is where your focus needs to be? Why or why not?
- Talk about a time in your life where you disengaged from something, and it caused problems. What happened?
- What's an area in your life right now where you're not as engaged as you used to be? Why is getting us to disengage often the first step in the enemy's plan to cause trouble?

- What are some ways God might send you help if you were to re-engage in those challenging areas of your life?

Act On It

- Make a statement this week that “you’re back” — that you’re not going to let the enemy keep you disengaged. It could be buying healthy food at the grocery store, reaching out to repair a broken relationship, or setting a schedule to spend time reading Scripture. Let your group know what you’re going to do to re-engage. Keep them updated throughout the week about how it’s going, and encourage each other.

Praise Reports, Prayer Requests, and Prayer

Ask eGroup members to share any prayer requests they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.

Dear Lord, thank You for allowing us to “get back in our gates” after we’ve left them. Help us clearly see the areas in our lives where we have disengaged, and give us the strength and focus to step back into those places so we can fulfill the calling You’ve placed on our lives. Guide us over this coming week as we make a statement in letting ourselves and others know that we are back. In Jesus’ name, amen.