# **DOING LIFE TOGETHER**

11. This week we discussed our being loved, known, and empowered by God. Which of these do you most need to recognize as you face the storms of life? How might you pursue these realities from a place of being (as one who already belongs to God through Christ) over doing (trying to earn from God)? 12. How can we as a church seek to remind one another of God's presence with us as we "pass through the waters" and "walk through the fires" of life? What role does community play in living in light of this reality? How might this look in this current season? **Prayer Requests** 



What will I do on Monday with what I have learned on Sunday?

### **GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK**

May 31, 2020

### THINKING THINGS THROUGH

- 1 . If you were to pick one way, a "favourite" way, you like to spend time with one of your children or one of your parents, what would it be and why?
- 2. What is your favorite way to spend time with God?

Why is time spent with God important in regard to facing the storms of life?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

READ ISAIAH 43:1-3

3. If you were in exile, what would stand out to you from the prophet's words?

What would you need to hear?

What do you need to hear from this passage in your current challenges?

4. The exiles were told not to fear in verse 1. What was this exhortation based on?

Why is it significant that God began by stating His intimate knowledge of His people?

How does remembering our being known by God serve to fight fear in our lives?

5. In verse 2, God promised to be with His people. Why was this significant?

What difference does God's presence make in the midst of hardship?

6. How have you experienced God's presence in the midst of difficulty in the past?

How might this serve to give you faith in Him for the future?

#### READ ISAIAH 43:4-7

- 7. Verse 4 begins with God declaring His love for His people and a pledge to pay a cost for their redemption. How has this been fulfilled ultimately in the person and work of Jesus?
- 8. How does remembering God's love for us change the way we face difficult situations in life?
- 9. In verses 5-7, God promised to bring His people back from exile. How does this speak to the idea of God empowering His people when they were powerless?
- 10. How does it change the way you view storms in life when you are focused on being empowered by God rather than facing the storm in your own power?