

Message Series Group Discussion

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Series	We Don't Know What's Going to Happen (and That's OK)
Sermon and Date	Control vs. Gratitude - January 16/17, 2021
Main Idea/Summary	We learn to live gratefully one day at a time.
Scripture	Exodus 16:12-21, 31-35; Joshua 5:11-12; John 6:35; John 15:1-4

QUESTIONS	
About God	We only have about 15 percent control of our lives, but God has 100 percent control. In which area do you need greater trust in God? How might meditating on this truth, one day at a time, help you feel more peaceful in the weeks ahead?
About Me	Which area do you struggle with most when seeking control over chaos: blaming, grumbling, magical thinking, making predictions or alarmism? How might reading God's Word each day (perhaps through the YouVersion app) help you overcome these tendencies? What do you need to give up to spend more time in God's Word?
Community	There are many people in our community who are literally living hand to mouth. What will you do to join God in providing for their needs? What "manna" are you willing to give in Jesus' name?
Mission	How would your attitude change if you decided to let go of control, camp around God's presence, see value in your trials and trust him for daily provision? How might this attitude shift show Christ to certain people in your circles of influence?
Action	Ron said, "Trauma can be an intense experience that affects us for a long time." Which person in your life experienced the most trauma in 2020? What will you do this week to help bear their burdens? (FYI: You can always get in touch with us at LaCroix for ideas on how to help.)

Father God, We praise you for faithfully providing for our needs, day after day. Even when we can't see what's next, we know we'll be okay because you are faithful to us. We confess we attempt to control our lives in ways that block the peace that passes all understanding, which only you can provide. Thank you for the daily manna you give us that tastes even sweeter when we receive it with gratitude. Teach us to trust you more, one day at a time, as we follow you in faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.