

# Start off with . . .

**Questions to guide your discussion; as time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed**

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**Around the Circle:** A question to get everyone talking and involved

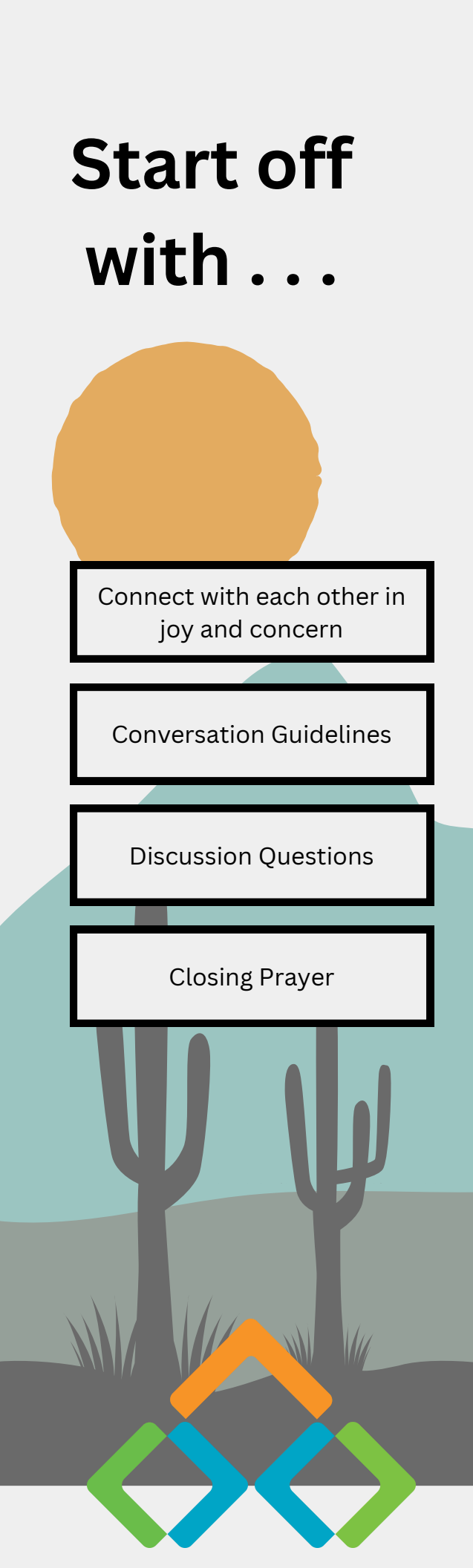
- What is your "go to" when you are wanting or needing comfort?

**Select Few:** Questions designed for a few group members to offer personal experience or vulnerable insights.

- Jesus was preceded by John and John looked to Isaiah to face the wilderness. Whose experience of God has helped build your trust and comfort you when you've been in a wilderness?
- Whether pain points or glory days, which parts of your past are still shaping your current life?
- What have you learned about God through His activity in the past? What action from God would you identify as "incomplete" in your life or community?
- What are the implications of living with courage instead of comfort?

**Dig Deep:** A question that may or may not be answered in session, but should be encouraged for members to wrestle with all week.

- Which of your personal limitations are most difficult to embrace? How might God be using your limitations to make you strong and courageous? (Is. 40:8)



Connect with each other in  
joy and concern

Conversation Guidelines

Discussion Questions

Closing Prayer