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10 STRATEGIES for THRIVING
in a HOSTILE WORLD

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Group Discovery Questions

SURVIVAL TIP #10: DO THE NEXT RIGHT THING

1. Whenever we face difficult circumstances, we can feel as if we are stuck in a situation from which we cannot escape. Describe a time when you (or someone you know) felt “stuck” in a helpless situation.
2. According to the author, “We are not saved *by* good works, but we are saved *for* good works.” What’s the difference? (See Ephesians 2:8–9.)
3. There are many ways Christians can do good to serve God, help others, and expand God’s kingdom. Give some examples of how you or your group members can help people at your church, your neighborhood, and your community.
4. Read James 4:14. Before your time on earth vanishes like a vapor, what opportunities to do good would you like to seize?
5. How will you respond when God calls you to do the next right thing to expand His kingdom? Will you let fear, doubt, or the opinions of others keep you from doing the next right thing, or will you have the courage to move forward in faith?
6. Read Proverbs 15:22. What does this verse instruct us to do when we are considering whether to move forward with an opportunity? Why is it important to seek advice from godly, wise counselors?
7. Describe a time when you (or someone you know) sought godly advice before a big decision or opportunity. What were the results?
8. When is it okay to say no to an opportunity?

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Personal Application Questions

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1. Describe a time in your life when you felt weary. How did your weariness affect you spiritually, emotionally, and relationally?
2. Read Galatians 6:9–10. How does “doing good”—or doing the next right thing—enable us to avoid becoming weary?
3. What are some needs in your community, neighborhood, church, or school that you can meet? What is the next right thing you could do to meet that need?
4. Can you think of any opportunities God may be giving you that are disguised as hard work? If so, what?
5. Many of Jesus’s miracles were interruptions in His schedule. Have your plans ever been interrupted by something—such as a phone call, a drop-in visitor, or an unexpected conversation—that turned out to be a God-ordained opportunity to help someone? What was the result?
6. What did you learn about seizing opportunities from the parable of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:30–37? What could have happened if the Samaritan traveler had allowed his personal inconvenience to limit his sacrifice?
7. Do you think we should seize opportunities to give of our time, talents, and treasure to help those in need, even if it we don’t get anything in return? Why or why not? (See 1 Corinthians 15:58 and 2 Corinthians 9:8 for further insights.)
8. Which needs do you see that you feel passionate about? Which needs do you possess the ability or gifts to meet? What will you do to take the next step toward meeting those needs? Close with a prayer of commitment.