

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER

PART 2: ROCKY GROUND

INTRODUCTION

Greener grass is possible, but we're all tempted to pursue it on our own terms. We dream big dreams and work hard to make them come true. But what happens when your dreams die and you lose hope? What happens when it seems like the greener grass is only for other people? When your dreams of greener grass have been replaced with rocky soil, how do you move forward?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing you're grateful for right now?
2. Talk about a time when you faced a setback or received bad news. How did you respond?
3. Read Psalm 13:1-2. Has it ever felt like God has forgotten you? If so, what did you do?
4. Read Psalm 13:3-6. What would it look like for you to trust in God's unfailing love in your current circumstances? What prevents you from crying out to God the way David did when he wrote these verses?
5. Do you currently feel like greener grass isn't attainable? What are some practical things you can do this week to shift your focus from the greener grass to the truth that you are loved by your heavenly Father and can trust him?
6. At the end of the message, Jen asked you to reflect on this question: "Where in your life can you see God's goodness?" Use the spaces below to write down two or three things that come to mind:

If you feel comfortable doing so, share your answers with the group.

MOVING FORWARD

We don't always get what we want regardless of planning, effort, or on our own merit. The greener grass *is* possible, but you can't get there on your own. Shift your focus to the One who loves you and gave himself up for you.

WEEKLY READING

This week, take some time to read and reflect on Psalm 13.