

## God Is \_\_\_\_\_ Hope for a Hopeless Situation

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

*The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness ... And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her. ... I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude. ... Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction."*

Genesis

*She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."*

Genesis

*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.* Hebrews 4:13 NIV

*"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9 ESV*

*"Look at the birds of the air ... your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"*

Matthew 6:26 NIV

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Do you know what your name means? If so, share it with your group.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Hebrews 4:13**. Do you ever feel alone? What truths about God can help you remember that He is always near?
- What are some of the emotions or thoughts that surface when you remember God always sees you?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you ever been so focused on a problem that you were blinded from truth? How did you start seeing God again?
- Is there a situation in your life that feels hopeless right now? Talk about this with your group. What would it look like to lift your eyes to Him?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, You are El Roi. You see every single one of us right where we are. Please give us the comfort that You promise us in Scripture, and remind us of the comfort we've experienced personally from You in the past. Remind us that You are near and that You want us to draw near to You. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- How can you spend time getting to know God better this week? Share this step with your group and let them know how it goes.
- Start the *God Is \_\_\_\_\_* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/GodIs](http://www.go2.lc/GodIs)
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.