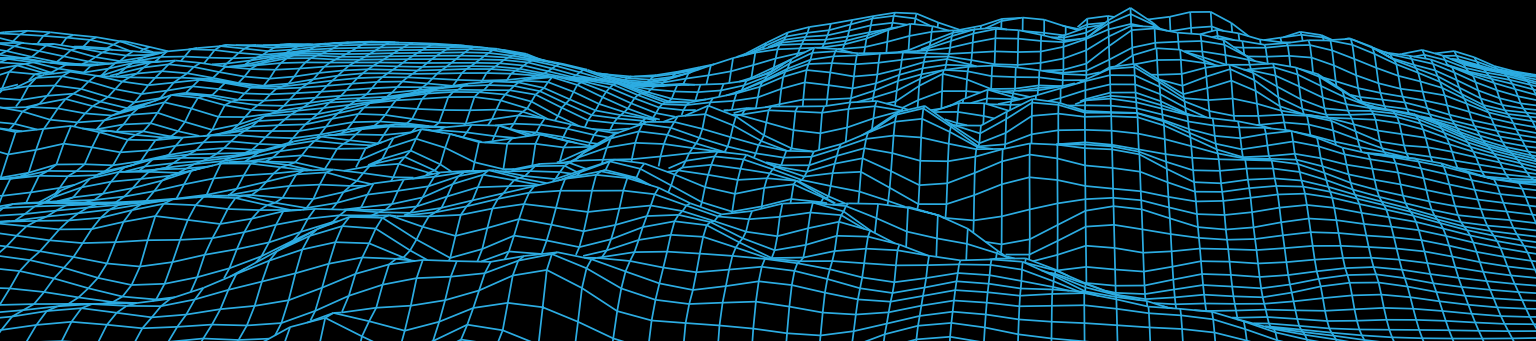


# WEEK 6

**PERSEVERE THROUGH FAILURE**



# LAUNCH PAD

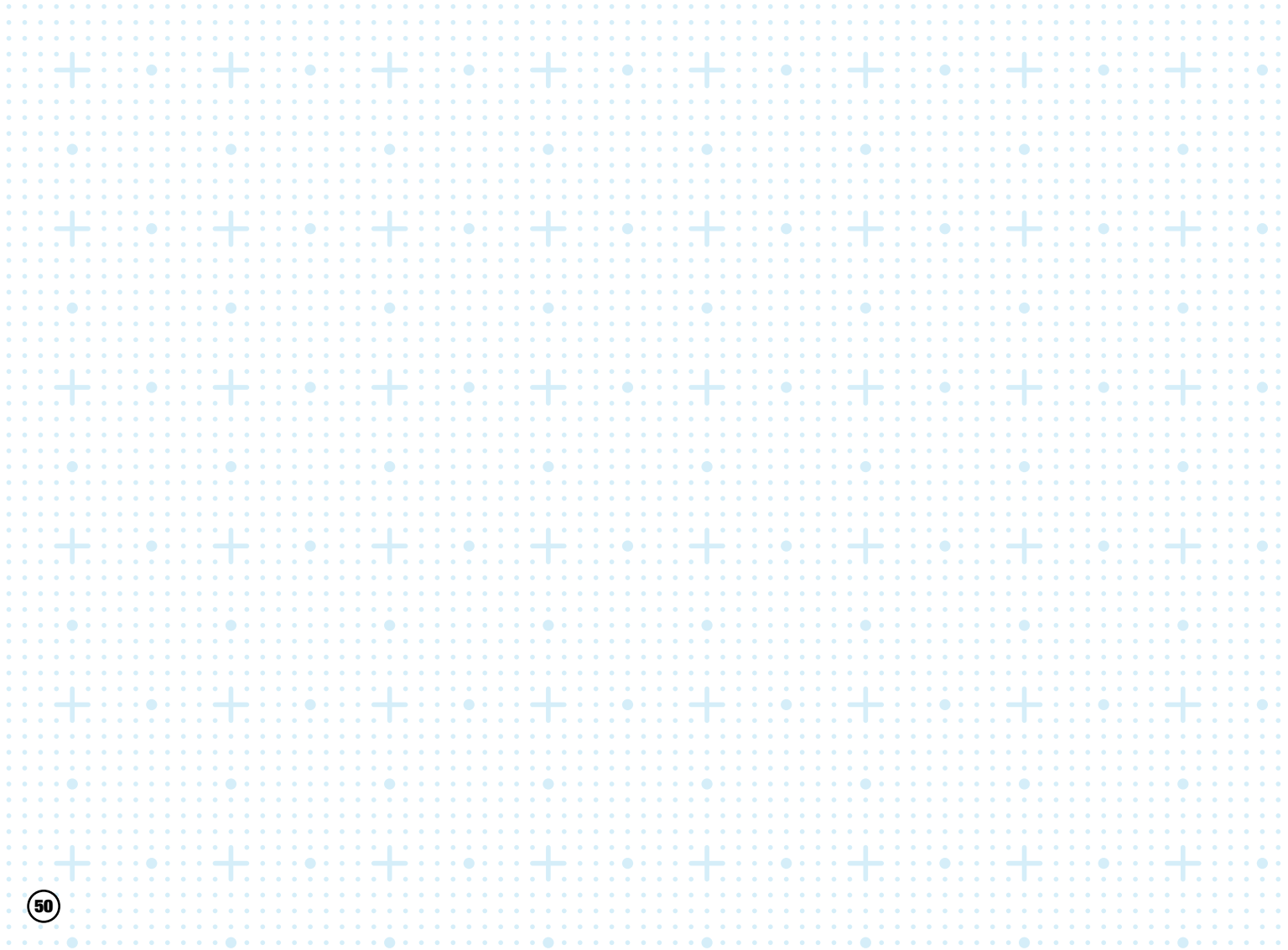
Looking back on the Apollo 11 mission, it's easy to think that it went relatively smoothly. All we see and celebrate now is the highlight reel—the rocket launching, Armstrong walking on the moon, and the parachutes deploying as they returned safely. But like any big endeavor, the journey to the moon had massive setbacks, failures, disappointments, and disasters. The team committed to Kennedy's vision had to learn how to persevere and not let failure stop them. Following Jesus can feel this way, too. When we encounter setbacks, we need to find the courage to continue, knowing that God is at work and can use failure to make us even better than before.

- We're in our last week of *Future Quest*. What is one thought, message, or week of this study that has stuck with you the most? Why?
- Have you ever had a great plan go terribly wrong? Perhaps, it was asking someone out, cooking a special meal, creating a school project, or something else? Share what happened with the group.

# LIFTOFF

**WATCH THIS WEEK'S VIDEO.**

Use the space below to take notes (or doodle, whatever works best for you).



# STATUS REPORT

Read **Hebrews 12:5-11**.

- How would you define the word “discipline”?
- According to this passage, what is the point of God’s discipline? What does it tell us about our relationship with God and what He wants for us?
- Jeff encouraged us to not be ashamed of our failure stories. It’s part of walking with Jesus, and He uses them. So, share some of your journey’s imperfections. Can you think of a time when you experienced God’s discipline and intervention in your life? Have you experienced any crash landings in your life, where things fell apart in a big way? Did it draw you closer to God or make Him feel more distant?
- How well do you deal with failure? Does it discourage you in a big way, or have you discovered how to persevere? Share what you have learned.
- Jeff mentioned how it is easy to find flawed heroes in the Bible. Why do you think God loves using messy and broken people?
- Have you seen God use your failures and hurts to comfort others? Is there a way He could use your failures and hurts to comfort others?

Transformation is an imperfect journey with a promised destination. When we trust in Jesus, God promises to finish what He started. We can approach our spiritual journey with hope, no matter our background or struggles. But on this side of heaven, all of us are in process, and there is always a next step to take as we keep moving forward. Take a few moments to do the **Diagnostic Activity** on the next page to think through your next step after *Future Quest*. Then, discuss the following questions together:

- What individual next step did you put down in the activity? As everyone talks about their different next steps, share wisdom with one another about what you’ve learned in taking next steps in that area.
- Take a moment to celebrate what God did in this group over the past few weeks. What was a highlight for you? Name a person who shared or did something that encouraged you in a particular way.
- Talk about the future of this group. Are you open to continuing in this group for the rest of the season? If yes, what would you like to see happen, and what should we do next? If you’re not sure, that’s okay—what are some considerations you’re working through?
- What checks did you mark for what you’d be willing to do to help make this group happen?

Close in prayer. Thank God for all He did through *Future Quest*. Pray that God would help every person take their next step in their faith journey.

# DIAGNOSTIC ACTIVITY

## NEXT STEPS

Growth is often found in the little steps and daily decisions. Any step forward, no matter how big, is important. And all of us have a step to take although that step may look different depending on where each of us is at. So, take a moment to think through your next steps in two areas: your next step individually and your next step in this group.

### MY NEXT STEPS

Check any of the following that apply:

- ☐ Start a relationship with Jesus.
- ☐ Get baptized.
- ☐ Do Established (a study to help you gain confidence in faith).
- ☐ Read the Bible more regularly.
- ☐ Start each day with prayer.
- ☐ Pray with my spouse or family every day.
- ☐ Attend weekend services more regularly.
- ☐ Start serving on a team.
- ☐ Lead a new group.
- ☐ Discover my unique gifting, strengths, and purpose.
- ☐ Find a counselor or a coach.
- ☐ Ask a few casual friends to be comrades.
- ☐ Say “no” to some thing(s) so I can live into my best “yes.”
- ☐ Invite a friend or family member to church.
- ☐ Learn how to share the Gospel.
- ☐ Read a book or listen to a podcast to learn more about God, theology, or an area of interest.
- ☐ Forgive someone.
- ☐ Forgive myself.
- ☐ Start giving regularly to the church.
- ☐ Find an organization in the community you want to support financially.
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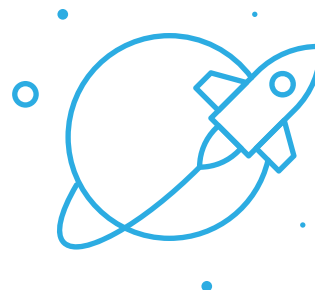
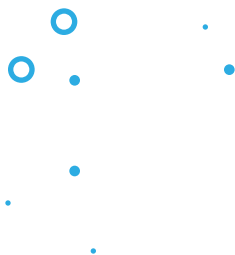
Out of all the ones you checked, which do you want to focus on first? Do you need help getting started?

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## MY NEXT STEPS IN THIS GROUP

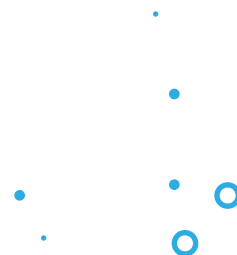
Groups aren't just about one person or leader. They are a community committed to each other as they grow spiritually. Each person has a role to play to "own" the group.

Are you open to committing to this group for the rest of this season?

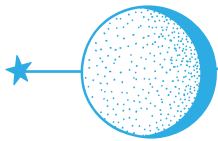
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

Check any of the following ways you would be willing to help own this group experience.

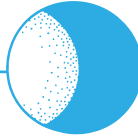
- ☐ I am willing to bring snacks to group meetings.
- ☐ I am willing to plan a social gathering for our group.
- ☐ I am willing to organize a fun activity for us to do outside of group time.
- ☐ I am willing to close our group in prayer.
- ☐ I am willing to organize a prayer list for our group.
- ☐ I am willing to invite others into our group.
- ☐ I am willing to host group meetings in my home.
- ☐ I am willing to coordinate a service project for our group.
- ☐ I am willing to lead a discussion every once in a while.



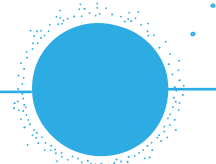
# DAILY QUEST



DAY 1



DAY 2



DAY 3

## READ

### HEBREWS 11:1

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

## REFLECT

What does it mean for you to have faith in what you can't see today?

## READ

### HEBREWS 12:2

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

## REFLECT

Fix your eyes on Jesus, even when life gets hard or you get discouraged. He made everything possible!

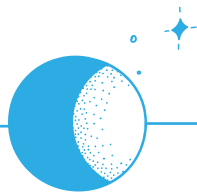
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### 1 THESSALONIANS 1:3

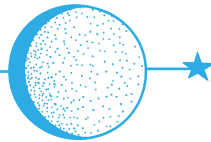
*We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## REFLECT

How does the hope of Jesus inspire endurance in your life?



DAY 4



DAY 5

## READ

### GENESIS 50:19-20

*But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."*

## REFLECT

What hardship might God want to use for good and do something amazing through?

## READ

### 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

*And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

## REFLECT

Love God and love others; that's what God has called you to do today.