

Seven Weeks @ GODSPEED

Study Guide & Video Series Overview

WHY SEVEN WEEKS @ GODSPEED?

When we finished Godspeed, we discovered that Godspeed only began a conversation that people then had to translate into their own lives - urban or rural, small church or mega church, in community or isolated. We added the Wenatchee epilogue to bring this message home: there is no place without the potential for unearthing holiness.

Godspeed is not a complaint against our culture and its speed. It is a call to each one of us to look prayerfully at our own lives. [Seven Weeks @ Godspeed](#) calls us to follow Jesus here and now, within this culture, people and place.

With expanded interviews and additional footage, your community can hear how Eugene Peterson finally began to find his “parish” in suburban America, why N. T. Wright first has a melt-down on vacation, and the wisdom of Father Giles on stability.

Seven Weeks @ Godspeed covers the following ground:

1. Begin with the film Godspeed: The Pace of Being Known
2. Place: Where are you?
3. People: Here I am!
4. Pace: God’s speed
5. Stability: To see peoples’ virtues takes time
6. Community: Names are the most life-giving term in language
7. Presence: You cannot give yourself the grace only others can give

Each gathering begins with a short story from Methlick to set the theme (15 min). Then a video featuring expanded Godspeed footage is shown (10 min) and discussed (30 min). Our final interaction is with Scripture, to root the discussion in a permanent place in our hearts and lives (20 min). Of course, we think that beginning and/or ending the evening with food and hospitality can only improve upon an already wonderful night! Visit the website page [Watch with Others](#) for further resources and recipe ideas.



QUESTIONS FOR A POST GODSPEED DISCUSSION

Kick off the discussion with a FIRST IMPRESSIONS question to get people talking, remembering, and sharing impressions. We often ask “what phrase, image, or character most stood out to you?” Sometimes this is all that is needed. You can also tailor the discussion with the following questions:



FATHER GILES:

- What does it mean that it “takes time to see peoples’ virtues”?
 - Also, why can’t we know ourselves by ourselves?
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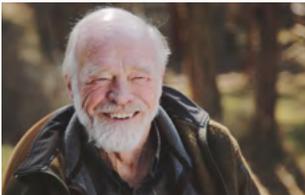
MRS. FRENCH:

- Mrs. French said that she “belonged to Udney.”
- What would it mean for you to “belong to” a community?
 - When was the last time someone was truly present to you? You to them?
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N. T. WRIGHT:

- N. T. Wright spoke of “slowing down to catch up with God,” and highlighted the fact that God walked around Palestine at three miles per hour.
- Are you running to something or from something?
 - What would it mean for you to live at Godspeed?
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EUGENE PETERSON:

- Eugene said that there is “*no place without the potential for unearthing holiness.*”
- What have you been overlooking about where you live, and who you live with?
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FATHER GILES:

- Father Giles spoke of “stability.”
- How does a call to stability expose us?
 - How can we practice stability in our modern, transient society?
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MATT CANLIS:

- Matt said that his generation was the “tourist generation – always on the move so we can avoid being known.”
- What would it take for you to make choices to be present to people?
 - What are you already doing?
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If your gathering is more than 15 people, consider [Hosting a Screening](#) where you will find posters, postcards, printable keepsakes, and flyers for a small group Study Guide and Video Series called [Seven Weeks @ Godspeed.](#)