

# Small Group Questions: 25 - Defining Moments

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## Read

Deuteronomy 1:7-8

## Reflect

In 2013 Seacoast Church turns 25. This weekend, we took some time to reflect and celebrate. Take some time to reflect on your own history: what are the defining moments in your own life; in your relationship with Christ? Looking back, how can you see God leading you to where you are today?

After talking about the defining moments of Seacoast Church's history, Pastor Greg taught three lessons that we've learned along the way:

1. Every dream comes with resistance
  - a. There was resistance from the very beginning against Seacoast. With any dream, any effort, resistance will come. Are you experiencing any resistance in your life right now? What could happen if you push past it?
  - b. Why do you think God allows resistance to come into our lives?
2. Mountain tops are cool places to celebrate, but lasting fruit is produced in the valley
  - a. Celebrating success is important – we should always take time to celebrate where God has brought us. But it is also important to remember that while we celebrate on the mountaintops, we do our work in the valley. Without valleys, there will be no achievements to celebrate.
  - b. When was the last time you celebrated what God was doing in your life? How often do you take the time to celebrate with others?
3. At any point in the journey, God has a purpose and a “next”
  - a. It can be hard (especially while we are in the valleys) to see what God is doing in our lives. Sometimes it seems like he isn't working at all. But one of the things that we have learned is that God always has a purpose in every circumstance. Can you think of a time in your life that seemed to have no meaning, that you now look back on with better understanding and perspective? How was God working during that time?
  - b. There is also always a “next.” God always has somewhere new that he wants to bring us. Take some time and reflect: what might your “next” be?

## Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Life Group support you and hold you accountable in this?