

# Media



## ✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

## ✔ Control Freaks

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “Hotels.com Commercial” and/or “Alexander” video clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- What do you think these videos might have to say about this narrative from the scriptures?
- How do you think your congregation typically gets things done?
- What are some of the larger decisions your congregation has made and how were they made?
- When you consider what churches do and the long-term results, what tensions do you think arise that might parallel the ones found in this scripture?
- How might a group of people balance the need to get things done with the need to do things in their proper time?
- In what ways might mismanaging that balance affect the group?
- How might a church best teach people to give up their need to control things and simply have faith?

## ✔ React to This

Play the “Queen” and/or “Willie Wonka” videos, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- What do you think these videos add to the conversation, when we talk about individuals instead of groups?
- When you were younger, what item did you want the most and how did you either get it or learn to deal with not having it?
- In what ways did your parents' attitude toward things affect the way your own attitude?
- What have you wanted the most as an adult and how have you dealt with that compared to your younger self?
- Why do you think people might have difficulty saving up for the things that they want, or working

toward them, rather than changing their behavior or otherwise having problems?

- What, to you, is the actual difference between something you need and something you want?
- How do you know when your appetites and our own desire to control get in the way of your ability to trust God?
- How might someone learn wait in a faithful posture for God's blessings rather than going for immediate gratification?

## ✔ Close

Invite people to share something that they wish for another person and why. Close with a prayer that God will honor their need and that all parties can learn to trust God while having that experience.

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