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## TEAM DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Q1: We sometimes mistake leading people for making people happy and comfortable, but God hasn't called us to serve people's needs above serving Him. Are there areas in your organization or ministries where you are serving others to make them happy above the mission God has called you to?

Q2: God sometimes walks us through seasons of pruning. Though these seasons can be challenging, they can result in a healthier organization and a healthier culture. Is there an area the Lord is asking you to prune?

Q3: As leaders, God seeds dreams of renewal in us, but with that responsibility sometimes comes trials. God uses these trials and suffering to create humility within us, so that when the timing is right that dream He has seeded can begin to flourish in the healthy soil He has grown within us. Has God placed a dream on your heart for your organization or ministry? If you've experienced this, share what trials you have gone or are going through that has resulted in the healthy soil your seeded dream needed to take root.

## ACTION STEPS

The world feels out of control, so we tend to tightly control our own habits and practices. Through the pandemic, our environment changed and we cannot navigate this new change in our own strength, we need the empowerment from God that comes when we humbly surrender. What do you need to loosen your control over? What can you surrender to the Lord today?