

## Session 2: Your Past Experience

In this session you'll complete your first circle by identifying the events or seasons in your life that God has used to prepare you to fulfill His vision for your life.



As you watch Session 2 with Pastor Craig, you can follow along with these notes.

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV*

• **Personal timeline: a big-picture overview of your \_\_\_\_\_**



*"It's hard to remember everything from your past in such a short amount of time, so I took my timeline home and continued to work on it." Casey*



### **To create your timeline, you'll need:**

- Your *chazown* foldout
- Four colors of small sticky notes: yellow, pink, blue, and green
- A pen

Pastor Craig and your facilitators will guide you through each step of this process. The instructions are listed in your *chazown* foldout.

**If you're struggling to identify the major lessons in your life (step 5), ask yourself these questions:**

- What was God trying to teach me during this chapter or turning point of my life?
- What should I remember as I move forward?
- What abilities or insights has God deposited into my life as a result of this experience?
- In what ways can the skills or insights God gave me through this experience impact my future?
- What character traits did I develop as a result of this experience?
- What character traits have I come to value most in others?
- Are there any unique experiences or insights I've gained?
- What are some of the ways God has used me?
- Did this experience reveal anything to me about what God is like?



When your timeline is completed, write three to five lessons from your green sticky notes into your past experiences circle in your *chazown* foldout. This will complete your first *chazown* circle.



*"It was really hard to write down all those pink sticky notes. But facing my addiction is what led me to my chazown. I know God can turn those pink sticky notes into opportunities to help people know there is life after addiction." Rae Anne*



### **Talk It Over**

Spend a few moments sharing your timeline with someone in your group. Describe the lessons that emerged from your past experiences.

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