



CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #1 - Feeling Lost this Christmas?



GETTING STARTED

Have you ever had a moment where you were sure you knew where you were going, but suddenly realized you were completely lost? What happened?

THIS WEEK'S THEME

Hans said, "You never know you're lost until after you're lost." Where in life have you experienced this being true, either in the past or right now?

Why do you think it's so hard for us to admit we're heading in the wrong direction?

What are some areas in life where people commonly drift without realizing it (ex. marriage, health, finances, faith)? Where have you seen this play out in your own life or others?

Sometimes the path we thought was right leads to a dead end. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 14:12, "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death." How does this verse resonate with you?

Read Luke 1:26-34 together. Mary had a plan, a direction, a map for her life, but everything changed. When have you experienced an unexpected "rerouting" like Mary did? What emotions did you have to wrestle with?

John describes Jesus as "full of grace and truth." How have you experienced God meeting you with grace when you were lost?

Mary's response, "Let it be to me as you have said," is a powerful act of surrender. Why is surrendering so difficult? Hans said that when we're lost the better question isn't: "What should I do?" rather "Who will I follow?" What difference does it make to start there?

TAKING IT HOME

This week, each morning pray: "God, show me Your way for my life." Where do you most need God to reroute, guide, or lead you right now - your family, your work, your relationships, your decisions, your pace of life?

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for coming as The Way when we feel lost, overwhelmed, or unsure of our next step. Give us the courage to surrender like Mary and to trust that Your way is filled with grace and truth. This Christmas, show us Your way for our lives. Amen.