

# ϔ The Big Idea

For some time, there was a myth that most of the people you encounter and interact with in the United States would be Christian. Now, we're just waking up to the realization that this was never true – the way of Jesus has always been a narrow path taken by the few, not the many. In a culture that largely values the exact opposite of what Jesus did, it's more important than ever to know how to navigate our life. When we don't know what to do, the Bible instructs us.



"When you don't know what to do, go back to what you do know."



Do you want to launch your own small group?

# Discussion Questions

- 1. Discuss Tell the group about some of your first memories involving the Bible. Did you always trust it? Understand it? Have questions about it?
- 2. Read Isaiah 55:8-9

**Discuss** If God's ways are really "higher" than ours, how should we view the entirety of the Bible?

3. Read Proverbs 14:12

**Discuss** How can we discern whether the different "paths" we all have before us are right or wrong? Anyone care to share a story about a time this went terribly or really well for you?

4. Read James 1:25

**Discuss** According to James, the law gives us freedom. Why do you think so many people in the world see Christianity as just the opposite of freedom? What is the truth?

5. Read Romans 10:9

**Discuss** Have you ever been tempted to add extra requirements to this? Why?

#### **Key Verses**

John 1:12-13, Romans 5:12, John 1:1-5, James 1:25



## The Bible Instructs Us

When you don't know what you don't know, go back to what you do know.

A steward is not an owner, but a \_\_\_\_\_ over something owned by another.

1. The Bible can be \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- 2. The Bible teaches us \_\_\_\_\_ Perspective. Proverbs 14:12, Isaiah 45:9, James 1:25
- 3. The Bible teaches us the story of \_\_\_\_\_. John 1:1-5, Ecclesiastes 3:11

You MUST understand how God rewards us. He doesn't reward our faithfulness but our

### **Some Gospel Basics**

- 1. God created you to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Sin \_\_\_\_\_ us from God. Romans 5:12, Romans 5:17
- 3. Jesus brings us \_\_\_\_\_\_ to God. Rom 10:9, John 1:12
- 4. Jesus brings us back to \_\_\_\_\_\_. John 1:12-13