

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRAY TOGETHER

Use this time to pause and connect with God through prayer as we begin.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sometimes, we hear Bible stories so often that we can become numb and comfortable. This is called the “lullaby effect.” Take some time to share your thoughts with the group.

READ SCRIPTURE

Start by reading Romans 9:1-5

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- 1) Paul felt an 'unceasing anguish' for the lost. Do you believe Christians operate with the same passion for the lost today?
- 2) As co-heirs with Christ, what responsibility do we have to reach and restore those outside of the faith?
- 3) Take another look at verses 4 and 5. Pastor CJ talked about the tension of how one can be so close, yet so far. What comes to mind or stirs in you as you sit with that tension?
- 4) Pastor CJ mentioned that discipleship begins and ends with evangelism. How would approaching your faith with this mindset impact your journey as a disciple?
- 5) Hud explained that conversion starts with discovering God’s love for you, but the next step is discovering His love for the world. Why do you think so many stop at the first and never move into the second?
- 6) Growth often happens when we step into an uncomfortable state. Hud calls this “the discomfort of being disturbed.” Why do you think we’re so resistant to leaving our comfort zone, even if we know it leads to growth?
- 7) In what ways can self-deception show up in the life of a believer, and how can we become more aware of it in ourselves?

PRAY TOGETHER

As we wrap up our time together, let’s take a moment to close in prayer.

TAKE ACTION

This week, can you try stepping out of your comfort zone and reaching out to someone who isn’t a believer?