



# GUIDE NOTES *SESSION 2*

## JESUS

Tonight is about helping people **reflect on their relationship with Jesus** and notice how it has been forming over time. The goal is clarity, not comparison. Encourage people to pay attention to what they believe, how they're responding to Jesus, and the practices shaping their daily lives—**recognizing that formation and practice go hand in hand**. Invite participants to celebrate what God has already been shaping in them and to **identify one simple, faithful next step** in the Jesus dimension **to experiment with this coming week**.

## MEAL & MINGLE *30-40 min* ●●●●

### 1. GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

As you eat, go around and share:

- **What's one small thing recently that's brought you joy or made you smile?**

*GUIDE TIP: If you have new people joining your group this week, have people share their names as they respond. Keep it brief, think 1-2 minutes per person.*

### 2. CONVERSATION STARTER

- **What's a small daily habit—spiritual or not—that has surprised you in how it's shaped your life?**

## GROUND RULES FOR A GREAT DISCUSSION

**Come As You Are** We're all at different places in our discipleship journey—share what's going well, what's hard, or what isn't clicking—this is exactly what community is for.

**Ask the Question** Even if you feel like you should know the answer. A small break-through is likely on the other side.

**Share Your Experience, Not Your Advice** Create space for processing by asking follow-up questions and sharing what's helped you, rather than telling others what they *should* do.

**Lean In. Lean Out.** The night works best when everyone engages—some may need to lean in and share even when it feels uncomfortable, others may need share and then lean out and make room for different voices.

**Trust That God Is Moving** Every night won't feel like a breakthrough, but trust that God is at work and will use this time in ways you may not see yet. Even if you can't feel it, he's moving...

# QUESTIONS 50-60 min ●●●●

## YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Let's read pages 14-15 out loud together.

As you listen, don't worry about figuring out what you should be doing or where you should be. Instead, notice how a relationship with Jesus deepens and changes over time. Pay attention to what feels true for you right now, and what feels just a little out of reach.

After you finish reading, begin discussing:

1. **What parts of what we read felt most true for you right now?**
2. **What feels like it's still forming, growing, or a little out of reach for you right now?**

*GUIDE TIP: Keep the focus on awareness, not action. Invite honesty and curiosity, not comparison or planning. This is about noticing where people are and what they're longing for—not fixing or moving ahead yet.*

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## YOUR NEXT STEP WITH JESUS

Let's turn to pages 30–31 and look at the Your Pathway.

Focus on the Jesus dimension—for your current stage and the ones before it. Mark the steps you've already completed or are practicing consistently.

After you finish marking off the pivotal steps, discuss:

3. **What did you notice about how God has already been shaping you?**

*GUIDE TIP: This question is meant to help people notice evidence of God's work that they may have overlooked. If people are struggling with this question, say "This doesn't have to be a big win--what's one small way you notice God shaping how you think, respond, or relate to Him lately?"*

4. **As you looked at the Jesus steps, did anything stand out as unfinished, misaligned, or ready for deeper focus?**
5. **Which pivotal step with Jesus feels like the right place to focus right now—and what is one small thing you can commit to doing this week to move that step forward?**

*GUIDE TIP: Help the group move from noticing to choosing one simple, faithful step. That step may mean returning to a foundation, strengthening a current rhythm, or beginning what feels like the next step with Jesus. A good first move is reading the related guidebook section using the page numbers on Your Pathway (pages 30–31).*

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*Prayer*

Close the time together praying over what was shared and what's to come.