FOLLOW THE STAR

No matter who you are, God is leading you back to himself.

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LESSON #1

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GOD STILL LEADS TODAY

Step 1: Discover truth

Watch the lesson video online (see link above) and take notes below to prepare for a group conversation.

God has led people in many ways and continues to lead us today through Jesus Christ.

Throughout ________________, God has led in _______________ _________________.

The way God led at Christmas was through a _________________. (Matthew 2:1-2)

Jesus is the ________________ ________ God leads us. (John 11:5, 14)

When we find our way to God we should ________________ __________. (Matthew 2:11)

God is ________________, are you _________________?

Group Tip: Invite someone to lead Step 1 by summarizing the talking points and adding personal insights or questions.

Step 2: Talk about it

Use these questions to get your group talking.

1. What are the best and worst Christmas gifts you’ve ever received?
2. What motivates God to always be actively leading people to Himself? Why is He interested in connecting with humanity, especially knowing that we so often reject Him?
3. Why do you think God chose a star in the sky to lead people? Read John 8:12.
4. Read John 11:5. What do these verses teach us about the identity and purpose of Jesus?
5. Read John 10:10. What did Jesus mean by a “rich and satisfying life?” How does knowing Him bring that?
6. Apart from singing in church, what are ways we can worship Jesus in our lives?

Group Tip: Try adding some of your own questions.

Step 3: Live it out

Do this to apply the truth you’ve talked about.

Write a personal action step (below) based on what you’ve learned today.

Group Tip: Follow up on this in your next meeting.

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FOLLOWING GOD’S LEAD MAY BE HARD

LESSON #2

Step 1: Discover truth

>> Watch the lesson video online (see link above) and take notes below to prepare for a group conversation.

Following God may be difficult for many reasons, but it is always worth it.

Following God’s leading may ______________ from ___________ _______________. (Matthew 2:1-2)

Following God’s leading will have ___________________________. (Matthew 2:3-11)

A wise person ___________ _______ _______ before they ___________ a journey. (Luke 14:25-30)

Following Jesus may be _________________ but is always worth it. (Matthew 16:25-26)

God is ________________, are you ________________?

Group Tip: Invite someone to lead Step 1 by summarizing the talking points and adding personal insights or questions.

Step 2: Talk about it

>> Use these questions to get your group talking.

1. What’s a project or activity you attempted that turned out to be way more difficult than you thought?
2. What does it look like to be far from God? How do people end up there? What does it feel like?
3. What are some obstacles people may face as they pursue God? What are some obstacles you have faced?
4. Read Luke 14:25-33. Why did Jesus make it sound so difficult to follow Him? Why is it important for people today to be especially aware of the real cost of following Jesus?
5. In what ways have you experienced the benefit of following Jesus in this life?
6. How would you explain the challenges of following Jesus to someone who is considering Christianity?

Group Tip: Try adding some of your own questions.

Step 3: Live it out

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God is ________________, are you ________________?

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LESSON #3

GOD IS LEADING EVERYONE BACK

Step 1: Discover truth

>> Watch the lesson video online (see link above) and take notes below to prepare for a group conversation.

God is leading everybody, including those you might not expect. Most importantly, He’s leading you.

God went out of His way to lead the ______________________. (Matthew 2:1-2; Isaiah 49:6)

God went out of His way to lead the ______________. (Luke 2:8-11)

God went out of His way to lead the ____________________. (Luke 2:36-37)

God is going out of His way to lead ______________ including ___________. (John 12:32)

God is ______________, are you ______________?

Group Tip: Invite someone to lead Step 1 by summarizing the talking points and adding personal insights or questions.

Step 2: Talk about it

>> Use these questions to get your group talking.

1. Share about a time when you were an outsider. How did it feel?
2. Why did God work with one group of people primarily in the Old Testament (Israel)? Why do you think this changed after Jesus came?
3. Who are the lowly in our society today? Do you think the way the average Christian views the lowly lines up with the way God views them? If not, why do you think that is the case?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-28. Why does God have a unique concern for the lowly? Why do people with money and prestige struggle to follow Jesus?
5. Why does God sometimes take a long time to answer our prayers? Why does He sometimes not answer in the way we want?
6. How can you start to follow Jesus in a new way in the new year?

Group Tip: Try adding some of your own questions.

Step 3: Live it out

>> Do this to apply the truth you’ve talked about.

- Write a personal action step (below) based on what you’ve learned today.

Group Tip: Follow up on this in your next meeting.

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