**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

**For the week of: April 27, 2025**

**Sermon Title: What happens when people see Jesus?**

**Big Idea: Seeing Jesus is a much better situation than people realize.**

**Prepare:** Listen to the sermon (if you haven’t already), read Luke 24:36-53 and Acts 1:1-11, and spend a few minutes praying for your group. (Leaders, take time to pray for your group throughout the week but also before your discussion. Pray God will reveal the truths of His word and our hearts will be changed!)

**Connect** (10 min)

What is something in your life that seemed *meh* at first, but looking back was actually amazing?

**Discuss** (30 min) These questions are a guide. Add and remove as best fits your group and flow of discussion.

**HEAD: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

1. What stood out to you about this week’s sermon?

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and John 14:26 aloud as a group. Sometimes it's difficult for us to explain our relationship with the Holy Spirit. How are you regularly experiencing and living like the Holy Spirit is alive in you? (Leaders: Shawn gave examples of being able to forgive, loving those difficult to love, taking bold steps, living with joy in chaos, etc. These are things believers can do ONLY through the power of the Holy Spirit!)

**HEART: HOW DOES THIS CHANGE MY ATTITUDES AND AFFECTIONS?**

1. Through this six-week series, how have you begun to see Jesus more clearly? (Leaders: Are there attributes or promises of Jesus that have become more real or personal? Have there been reminders of salvation and unconditional love in spite of failure? Have there been challenges the Holy Spirit has prompted hearts with?)

1. Which of the five transformations Shawn spoke about (confusion to clarity, salvation, Holy Spirit empowerment, boldness, missional living) feel most relevant to your life right now?
   1. How do you sense God inviting you to grow?

**HANDS: WHAT IS THIS PASSAGE ASKING US TO DO?**

1. Think about a fear you've been holding onto. What would it look like to hand that over to the Spirit and walk forward in boldness? (Leaders: Pause your time and offer a prayer of surrender and plea for boldness with your G2, if the moment calls for it.)

1. Read Acts 1:8 aloud as a group. We've been empowered by the Spirit to be Gospel witnesses in all circles of our lives. Who in your life needs to hear the story of how you came to see Jesus as Savior and King? Make an action plan to talk with them this week.

**Serve and Share (S2) Reflection and Action**

As Summer Quest approaches in early June, there are still many serving roles to fill in order to love and bring Gospel clarity to all the kids involved. Have you considered what role the Lord might be leading you to play? Currently, our Kids Min team has been forced to pause registration until we get 40 more adult volunteers! Let's be a church that steps up in awesome ways to serve our community well!