

# FOR ALL PEOPLE // Week 3

## Discussion Guide



### SERIES OVERVIEW

Christmas is the story of God coming to earth to live among his people... all people. He came for the fearful, the shamed & guilty...He came for ALL people.

### BIG IDEA

The good news of the Christmas story is that God meets us where we are. In the midst of overwhelming guilt, God provides an answer! Confession to both God and others is the pathway to forgiveness and joy. Let guilt be the vehicle that takes you straight to the grace of God.

### CONNECT

Begin with some light conversation or a fun *icebreaker question* to check in with everyone.

- What is your favorite Christmas carol and/or song?
- What is your favorite Christmas present that you have ever received?

### DISCUSS

- What stood out to you most about the message from the weekend?
- Can you recall a time—past or present—when you felt guilt over something that **you did**? Can you think of a time when you felt guilty about something **you DIDN'T do** (a situation where you should have taken action, but you didn't)?

#### READ PSALM 32:1-5

- When we experience guilt, we tend to move toward a feeling of shame. Why do you think that is a dangerous place to be?
- In this Psalm, David expresses his overwhelming joy & gratitude for the fact that God had forgiven him. Have you ever been able to express joy as a direct result of your guilt? How did you do it?
- What comes to mind when you think about God disciplining us?

#### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

- Rarely do we think of God's discipline being a loving hand that leads us away from sin.
  - Does this verse challenge or change your perspective of the way God views you when you experience guilt?
- Pastor Skyler said, "*Let guilt be the vehicle that drives you to the grace of God. Guilt is a vehicle, not a house—you don't live there.*"
  - How does that statement reshape the way you view guilt in your life?

### PRAY

This week, make it your prayer focus to be reminded of the fact that all roads that lead to Jesus, end in grace. Guilt is an emotion that we all feel, but let's challenge each other to move from guilt to joy rather than from guilt to shame!