

WEEK 2

DISCUSSION GUIDE

REASONABLE DOUBT

Have you ever heard someone say something that seemed unreasonable? Maybe they told a story or made a statement that was hard for you to believe. It's not always easy to ask questions or express doubt when other people seem so certain, and that's especially true when it comes to faith. If you ask hard questions about God or are honest about the things you're not sure about, what will people think? Will they judge you? Will they laugh at you? But in this four-week series from the Gospels, we'll see it really is possible to have questions and doubts while still having faith. Through Scripture, we'll discover that when we have doubts and questions, we don't need to ignore them or sweep them under the rug. Instead, we can **look to Jesus, look to the Holy Spirit, look to God's words, and look for God in unexpected places.**

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

When you doubt following Jesus is worth it, look to the Holy Spirit.

BIBLE

Mark 10:17-22; John 14:15-21;
Galatians 5:22-23

QUESTIONS

- **Unpopular opinion: what's something that's really trendy but totally not worth the time or money?**
- **Have you ever given up on something because you decided it wasn't worth it? Tell us about it!**
- **What do you think people might say are the most challenging parts of following Jesus? Which of those challenges do you think are reasonable and why?**
- **Think about the story of the rich man who walked away from Jesus. What stood out to you, surprised you, or confused you about that story and why?**
- **Now think about the disciples who didn't walk away. What challenges did they face and why do you think they decided following Jesus was worth it?**
- **Who is someone who helps you believe following Jesus really is worth it, and why?**
- **On a scale of 1-5, how much do you believe (on a typical day) that following Jesus is worth it? Why do you say that?**
- **What is your biggest obstacle or hesitation in believing following Jesus is worth it? What's something that might help you believe it more strongly?**
- **Read Galatians 5:22-23. When following Jesus gets challenging, what are some ways the Holy Spirit could help us grow?**
- **This week, what's one way you need the Holy Spirit's help? How can we pray for you?**

ACTIVITY

Spend time praying for each other, and for the Holy Spirit's help, after you finish discussing the final question.