

# i follow

## WEEK 1: i believe

### INTRODUCTION & OPENING QUESTION

There are so many opinions in this world about what we should be living our lives for or how we should be defining ourselves. During this series, we are going to explore what it truly means to be a Jesus-follower. This week we are talking about *belief*. In your group, you will look at truths and misconceptions about believing in Jesus. As well as ask and answer the question, "How can I be sure?"

**When you think of Jesus, what are some words/ideas that come to mind?  
AND  
Who or what have influenced your views of Jesus the most throughout your life? Why?**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) **"How do I get into God's family?"** Read: John 3:16-17
  - Share a time when you struggled to believe someone or something? What caused the challenge?
  - Do you feel that it is challenging to believe and trust God? Why or why not?
- 2) **"Why do I need to be saved?"** Read: Matthew 1:21
  - How has the culture influenced people's views of right and wrong? Have you felt it affect your perspective in any area of your life? Please share.
- 3) **"Can it be that simple?"** Read: Romans 4:16
  - Have you ever wrestled with the truth that salvation is a total gift from God? Why or why not?
- 4) **"What if I fail?"** Read: John 5:24 & Jude 24
  - Share a time when you failed someone. How did it affect or change the relationship?
  - Read John 5:24. How does that verse shape how we should see our relationship with God even when we fail?
- 5) **"How can I be sure?"** Read: 2 Corinthians 13:5
  - "Check your pulse, not your birth certificate" Is there any area of your life that you need to surrender to Jesus today?

**Take prayer requests from the group & pray!**

### TAKEAWAYS

- 1) **Make a list of the concepts and ideas that have positively/negatively impacted your view of Jesus.**
- 2) **Read through the Gospel of Mark this week & focus on seeing who Jesus truly is!**