# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

In a Perfect World Week 1



### CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

## **GROW**

When have you felt the pressure to look like your life is put together, when it actually feels like a mess?

Why is it hard to admit that we're all a mess? What messages in culture cause us to hide our messes?

What changes when we acknowledge that mess is what brings us together in the church? Where have you experienced grace in the midst of messy lives?

How could you hang up the pursuit of perfection for a life in common messiness with others?

## **BIBLE**

Read Matthew 7:3-5 and Romans 3:19-24 What do you notice?

### **PRAY**

God of mercy, help remind us that perfection was never the goal. Free us from judgment of ourselves and others, and help us to experience your grace and love. Amen.

