Riverwood **Growth Group**

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Your FIST & Jesus (*& Jesus* #1)
*Week of **Apr 8, 2018***

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

Would you rather be invisible or be able to read minds, and why?

DISCUSSION

Read Romans 12:1-2

1. a. What does Paul command Jesus-followers to do in these two verses?

    b. Why does he command them to do these things? (Give your evidence from the passage.)

Read Romans 12:3–8

2. Paul begins a discussion on spiritual gifts. How does he start the topic in verses 3–5? Discuss the significance of this.

3. a. What are some of the spiritual gifts Paul mentions in verses 6–8?

    b. Read **1 Corinthians 12:4-7** to look deeper at the topic of spiritual gifts. What seems to be the purpose of spiritual gifts according to this passage as well as Romans 12:3-8?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

4. If you are a Jesus-follower, what area of your life do you sense God calling you to "present" to Him as a "living sacrifice"? If you are not a Jesus-follower yet, what is keeping you from presenting yourself to Him?

GOING DEEPER

To get an idea of the spiritual gifts God may have given you, check out www.spiritualgiftstest.com.
But realize often the best way to go deeper with your spiritual gifts is to just start serving in areas you are interested in! Then those you serve, and those who serve alongside of you, often are able to affirm what your gifts are.

MEMORY VERSE

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

PRAYER

Close in prayer by asking God to give you the courage to give Him ALL of you.