

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Sharing the Gospel with Joy and Confidence

Week of Jan 27, 2019

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)

Give a "recommendation" to your Group. It could be a favorite music album, a new restaurant, a recent movie, a favorite recipe, a beloved vacation spot, etc.

#### DISCUSSION

1. Why is it that people are willing and even eager to share about a good experience?

Read John 1:35-51

2. a. Many people in Jesus' day were excited about Jesus. Who in this passage is excited about Jesus? (Hint: there are at least four people identified who show excitement at knowing or meeting Jesus.)  
  
b. In their excitement, what do they do?



3. If you asked most Christians today what gives them joy about knowing Jesus, they might respond it is His death on the cross which pays for their sin. However, in John 1:35-51, Jesus hasn't died yet and is only beginning His public ministry. What is it about Jesus that fills the people in this passage with joy?

#### GOING DEEPER

4. In verse 51, Jesus says "the angels of God" will ascend and descend on the Son of Man. Take a moment to read **Genesis 28:10-12**, then in your own words, explain what Jesus means in John 1:51.

#### MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. We see several people in John 1 be filled with joy at meeting Jesus, and they can't help but worship Him and tell others about Him. Are you filled with a similar joy?

If not, what would give you joy about Jesus?  
If so, who should you tell about Jesus?

#### MEMORY VERSE

*"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (Colossians 4:6)*

#### PRAYER

*Last week, as we finished the "Dangerous Prayers" series, Erin encouraged us to identify our "one". Close in prayer, praying for God to give you confidence to share with the one person or one place to whom you feel God is sending you.*

