# The Rhino, The Bison, & The Lamb: Week 1 Discussion Guide

#### **Discuss:**

- Do most people you know define faith as what you think, what you feel, or what you believe? What might be the consequences of focusing on only one of these? (5 min)
- Are faith and works contradictory? Can you have one without the other? (5 min)
- How does this alter our understanding of faith? (10 min)
- Have three volunteers read these verses three times: <u>2 Corinthians</u> <u>5:7</u>; <u>Hebrews 11:6</u>; <u>James 1:2–3</u>. The first time replace the word "faith" with "fidelity"? The second time replace it with "allegiance." The third time replace it with "loyalty". What stood out to you? (5 min)

# **Scriptures:**

- 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV) "For we live by faith, not by sight."
- **Hebrews 11:1** (NLT) "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."
- Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV) "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

## **Challenge:**

If faith is making Jesus famous, how could you contribute to that this week?

### **Prayer:**

Ask the group to share the name of one person they might positively influence for Jesus this week. [Remember to follow up next week to see if they did.]