Small Group Guide
***God's Heart. Know It. Live It.* (Part 3)**
***The God Who Guides* | Isaiah 30-31**

11/15/26

Icebreaker Questions:

- Think about a significant decision you have made in your life—a career move, a relationship, a major change. How did you go about making that decision? Looking back, how much did God factor into it?

Key Takeaways:

- We need to stop relying on everything but God.
- We need to stop resisting the truth God wants us to hear.
- We need to stop striving and learn to rest in God.
- We need to start trusting God — He longs to graciously guide us.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Isaiah 30:1-2, Isaiah 31:1 and Proverbs 3:5-7. What is your 'Egypt'? What/who do you tend to rely on or instinctively turn to instead of God's guidance when you're facing a decision or a difficult situation, or feel anxious and uncertain?
   a) Why do we so often prefer human solutions that feel predictable and controllable over trusting God, whose ways we cannot always anticipate?
2. Have you ever made a significant decision without consulting God and later realized it? What happened, and what did you learn from it?
   a) In what area of your life are you currently making plans without genuinely consulting God?
3. Read Isaiah 30:9–11 and Mark 7:6-9. God's people told the prophets to stop speaking truth and to tell them 'pleasant things' instead. How has God used an uncomfortable truth in the past to bring about something good in your life?
   a) Can you think of an area in your life where you're avoiding an uncomfortable truth God has been trying to show you? Why are you resistant to it?
4. "We want a faith that makes us comfortable, rather than one that transforms us." Do you agree/disagree with this statement—why?
   a) What is the difference between those two kinds of faith in practice?
   b) Which one would you say characterizes your life right now?
5. Read Isaiah 30:15–16, Matthew 11:28-30 and Psalm 46:10. Why do we often think we can outrun or escape our problems?
   a) according to these verses in Isaiah 30 the answer is to *repent* of our insistence on doing things our way, *rest* in God's work, *quietly* be still before God instead of striving, and *trust* God's will. Which of these four do you find most difficult, and why?
   b) What would it feel like to actually rest in God's leadership in that area?
   c) What fear is driving your need to stay in control?
6. Read Isaiah 30:18–21, Psalm 32:8 and John 10:27. Isaiah 30:18 describes God as gracious, compassionate, and just. Which of those three attributes is most meaningful to you when you desire guidance? Why?
   a) Do you genuinely believe that God wants to guide you, not just in major decisions, but in the everyday details of your life?
   b) What makes it difficult for you to trust that God's guidance is for your good?
7. Read Psalm 119:105, Matthew 1:20, Acts 10:9-19, Acts 13:2-3, Acts 16:9-10 and Hebrews 4:12. What are the different ways God speaks to us and we're able to receive His guidance?
   a) How open are you to hearing God speak to you and guid you through these different ways?
8. Read Isaiah 31:1, Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:16-18 and 2 Timothy 4:6-8. Looking back over this week, where have you seen God's guidance at work in your life?
   a) What does it mean practically for you to be led by the Spirit in the week ahead?
9. What are you doing to ensure you hear God's voice? Practically speaking, what rhythms or habits do you have—or need to develop—that help you stay attentive to God's guidance?

Prayer:

- Thank God for His grace, compassion, and desire to lead you.
- Repent of independence and surrender your need for control.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to move your heart to receive truth, even when it is uncomfortable.
- Ask God to reveal the ways you have been relying on yourself rather than on Him.
- Ask Him to help you live according to His heart and follow His guidance every day.