



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: I Do
October 15, 2017

Opening Questions:

- Looking at the last few weeks, what has been the most influential part of this series for you? What unanswered questions or thoughts do you have?
- What experience has been the most challenging for you to reconcile with your faith in God? How have you processed or are currently processing that?
- Talk about a time when you admitted you were wrong about something. How difficult was it for you to change your mind? What happened as a result?

Looking at Scripture:

- During the message, Holden talked about the difference between not believing and not wanting to believe. What's makes these two distinct? Talk about how you've experienced these in your life.
- Read **James 4:8-10...** What does James tell us about the process of getting close to God? Why is it so difficult for us to draw near?
- If God exists, we're guilty, accountable and wrong. To what extent has that idea been a barrier to you having a relationship with God?
- Read **Romans 5:8...** What do these verses tell us about God's character? What emotions come to mind when you read this? How can you demonstrate the same sacrificial love in your life?

Application Questions:

- The bottom line from this week was **DON'T THROW OUT EVERYTHING BECAUSE SOMETHING THREW YOU OFF**. As a group, spend some time discussing why people let an experience change their view of God. How would you respond to someone who is ready to give up their faith because of a painful experience?
- Acknowledging our sin and reaching out to God opens the door to forgiveness, relationship and truth. Spend some time this week self-examining what lack of forgiveness, broken relationships or lies are hindering your relationship with God and others.

End your time together asking Jesus to help you take the next step in your journey. Pray for people in your life who have or are turning away from God. Ask him to be present in your self-examining this week. Ask him to show you more of who God is as you get to know him more deeply. Thank him for forgiving our sins, restoring our relationships and bringing us truth.

