



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Take a few moments to have members of your group or family hold out a hand (palm up) in front of them. Then encourage a group member to briefly walk through the BASICS using the hand exercise. Beginning with the thumb, invite those with you to share what the letters stand for? You could have six different group members share or have one person do all of them.
- What is one of the greatest invitations you have ever received? It could be an invitation to a party, to a special event, or something else. Share about the experience with your group.
- Share about a time when you were invited to do something and you didn't that you now regret.
- Read John 1:9-13 and John 20:30-31
 - Why do some people refuse to **receive** Jesus? Why do you or did you once refuse to respond to God's invitation and **receive** Jesus?
 - When did you decide what you were going to do with Jesus?

- How has your life changed?

- Read 1 John 2:6
 - In what ways do you feel that you are most like Jesus? What parts of your life need to be shaped more by him?
- Who do you know that hasn't decided to trust and follow Jesus? Would you pray for them intentionally daily and ask God for opportunities to share with them the BASICS?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Read the parable of the Great Banquet in Luke 14:15-24 and reflect.

Video Resources:

The Learning Circle—this is a tool that is helpful as we strive to trust and follow Jesus. It helps us make sure that our believing is characterized by action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tloiU6MEPKI>

The Chosen—Watch the first five episodes of The Chosen: Season 1. It's a dramatic retelling of the life and teachings of Jesus. In these episodes you'll experience Jesus inviting his first disciples to "Follow me." You can find episodes at (<https://watch.thechosen.tv>)