

# **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Part 2: Mostly Ordinary

### **Choose Your Icebreaker:**

Name your Top 3 favorite Michael Jackson songs.

The addition of Shohei Ohtani will help the Dodgers win \_\_\_\_\_ World Series Championships.

#### **ORDINARY Revelation:**

- I. Read I John I:I-4 and describe how the King of kings was ordinary. In what ways was he extraordinary? Why is it important to keep both in mind?
- 2. Why do you think God chose to reveal such an extraordinary message to such an ordinary people first? (Luke 2:8-14) How is that different from the ways of today?
- 3. When and how do you expect God to speak to you? When is the last time you heard God speak to you and what did He say?

## **EXTRAORDINARY Joy:**

- 4. Describe the last time you experienced extraordinary joy.
- 5. In what ways can we cultivate a deeper sense of joy based on Christ and not circumstance? (Luke 2:10; Romans 15:13; Philippians 3:8-16)
- 6. Why do you suppose the holiday seasons are also a challenging time for many? What can you do about that?

### **ORDINARY Spirituality:**

- 7. Discuss the following quote from an interview with author, Michael Horton (Ordinary: Sustainable Faith in a Radical, Restless World) [emphasis added]: ... [There is] an enormous burden on people to do big things when what we need most right now is to do the **ordinary** things better. We can miss God in the daily stuff, looking for the **extraordinary** moment outside of his Word and conversation with Him in daily prayer, family worship, and especially the public gathering of the saints each Lord's Day. If we were more serious about these **ordinary** means of grace, I'm convinced the church would have a much stronger witness in the world today.
- 8. How does the incarnation of Jesus shape your view of spirituality?
- 9. What are some of the most "spiritual" things you can do this week? (Matthew 5:16; Romans 12:1,2; James 1:22, Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 10:24)



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