

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 1: Humble Beginnings

Choose Your Icebreaker:

Who's better Michael Jordan or LeBron James? Explain.

How are you feeling going into this Christmas season?

Humble Beginnings:

- I. How do humble beginnings play a role in shaping our perceptions of success and greatness?
- 2. In what ways does the contrast between the world's view of kingship and Jesus' kingship challenge our understanding of leadership and power? (Philippians 2:5-8)
- 3. Share a personal experience where humble beginnings led to unexpected blessing.
- 4. How can we emulate the humility displayed by Jesus in our own lives, especially in a world that often values prominence and power? (Matthew 23:11-12)

Hidden Kings:

- 5. In what areas of our lives do we unknowingly enthrone 'hidden kings' that might compete with Jesus for our allegiance?
- 6. What steps can we take to ensure Jesus remains the true King in every aspect of our lives? (Colossians 1:18)

Harken Surprises:

- 7. Exploring the theme of unexpectedness, can you share a personal testimony or story where God's work in your life was unexpected or beyond human understanding? (Jeremiah 29:11)
- 8. What practical steps can we take during this season to 'make room' for God in our lives amidst the holiday rush and distractions?
- 9. In what ways can we embrace the surprises and unexpected workings of God in our lives, even when they challenge our preconceived plans or attempts for control? (Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 64:4)

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