CHAPTER 4 | "Does God Play Favorites?" GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WATCH:

Watch this week's Group video on Chapter 4 at www.quest52.com/videos

GOD STORY

 Have someone in your group share a God Story or testimony of how God has moved in their life.

INTRO QUESTIONS:

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or the daily exercises this week?
- Who did you think was the favorite in your family growing up?
- How do you think this has shaped the way you view the world today?

KEY PASSAGES:

- Luke 2:15-20 What did the shepherds do in response to the message from the angels? What did they do in response to seeing the baby Jesus? What does this teach us about how we should handle the good news we have received about Jesus?
- **Matthew 23:11-12** Who is "great" in God's eyes? What do you find most difficult about this reversal?
- **Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18** How is God and Jesus like a shepherd? What does this teach us about how we can relate to others?

GROUP DISCUSSION:

- What kinds of unfairness in this world bother you the most?
- How did the reading this week change your perspective on God's favoritism towards you? How has God been "unfair" in your favor?
- On page 25, Mark writes, "We are funnels of God's grace; not buckets of His blessings." Do you agree or disagree with this and why? How well are you living out this principle?
- What do you have (skills, possessions, opportunities) that you can share generously with others?

WEEKLY APPLICATION:

- On page 27, we were challenged to share the gospel or invite someone to church. Who did you invite and how did it go?
- Depending on when your group meets, you might not have reached the Hands section yet for your daily exercises in chapter 4. If that is the case, reflect back on the following question from last week's Weekly Application.
 - On page 20, we were challenged to write a brief description of what you think God wants to do with your life over the next three to five years and to list action steps you need to take to move towards that goal. What did you write and how can your group help you?

COMING SOON

- Start looking at your calendars for a time when your group can set aside 1-2 hours for a prayer experience.
- February Prayer Experience Guide