



## **Epic: Week 2**

### **▪Introduction (Read aloud before discussion)**

It's not God and his larger story that keeps us from fully saying "yes," but rather our smaller stories of pain or fear or doubt or guilt. Let's talk about God's invitation into the larger story.

### **▪Sermon Discussion (Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.)**

1. Why do we love stories so much?
2. The beginning of John chapter 20 is about the resurrection of Jesus. How would you describe the resurrection of Jesus to someone that had never heard of it?
3. *Read John 20:11-12.* Mary has quite a bit of pain and loss in her story. Some of us can relate. Why would pain and loss keep us from fully entering into what God might have for us in his larger story?
4. *Read John 20:19.* Fear can be a barrier to God's call on our life. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when asked this question: "what would you do if you had no fear?"
5. *Read John 20:25-27.* Doubt has a tendency to cause us to opt out of something. What might you be holding back from or opting out of because of a bit of doubt?
6. *Read John 21:20-22.* Out of failure and insecurity Peter is comparing himself to another disciple, John. Why is comparison so destructive?
7. *Read John 21:22.* "You must follow me." What a line! Jesus is saying this to you, too. What does it mean specifically for you and how can you practically take a small (or large!) step toward totally following him in his larger story?

▪**Ministry Time (Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”)**

What from the sermon or from group discussion challenged or encouraged you? Spend time praying for each other about that and anything else that comes to mind.

▪**Spiritual Formation (This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.)**

As we think and talk about our role in God’s story, let’s do some self-reflection. This week, reflect on this question: if all your needs were covered, what cause would you spend your life fighting for? Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal more of how and why he designed you this way.

▪**Daily Reading (Tune into the daily “Together On Mission” podcast, and let’s start every day with Jesus.)**

**MON**

**Ruth 4:1-8 | Psalm 45**

**TUES**

**Ruth 4:9-10 | Psalm 46**

**WED**

**Ruth 4:13-16 | Psalm 47**

**THUR**

**Ruth 4:17-22 | Psalm 48**

**FRI**

**Luke 14:25-35 | Psalm 49**

**SAT**

**Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage, and enjoy!**