

### **INTRODUCTION**

Sure, we want to follow Jesus, but where is he leading? What is the payoff to following him? Is it being a better person? Is it life in Heaven after we die? Is it a pain-free life? If you follow Jesus, you will be a better person. If you follow him, you will go to Heaven. If you follow him, you won't have a pain-free life. But that's okay because Jesus offers much more—a faith so strong it frees us from fear.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Are you superstitious in any areas of your life? Explain.
2. Do you tend to be a worrier or do you deal with circumstances as they come? How is that natural wiring a strength for you? How is it a weakness?
3. Think about a time when you felt close to God. Were your circumstances at that time good or bad? How did those circumstances, good or bad, influence your relationship with God?
4. What circumstances do you face right now that you need to entrust to God? What worries are you struggling with that you need to entrust to God? What can this group do to support you?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

Have you ever met someone who is choosing to trust God through enormously difficult circumstances? Did you find yourself wanting some of that? That's where following Jesus leads. Over and over in the gospels, that's where he points people. The Sermon on the Mount is a picture of what a life of perfect faith looks like.

Can you imagine how liberating that would be?