



# WORTHY

## Discussion Guide Week 3

Last time we discussed why the world isn't a loving place like God intended. We spent time in deeper reflection on the story to learn more about God's love. Have someone share a quick recap of your previous discussion.

### Discuss

This is a continuation of last week's discussion on Jesus' core message to the world. Here are some questions to guide your discussion:



1. The aftermath of humanity's actions has affected everything—how we see ourselves, our relationships, and even our relationship with God. In your opinion, what would it take to restore or heal everything that has been broken through humanity's selfishness?

*Christian worldview: God knew that it was humanly impossible to heal all the pain and evil in the world. So God entered our mess, took on our humanity and rewrote our story through Jesus. In every way that humanity was selfish, Jesus was selfless. Jesus took on himself the cost and consequences of humanity's actions - our actions, and it killed him. It took divinity to carry all the brokenness of humanity. Jesus came back to life and overcame death itself! Because of Jesus, our relationship with God can be restored and we can experience true life. The image on the left represents that we are made worthy in God's eyes not because of what we have done, but because of what Jesus did for us.*

2. Share with each other:

If you consider yourself a follower of Jesus, what has it meant for you to experience life because of Jesus? What has changed in you by knowing your sense of identity and worth is in Jesus?

If you don't consider yourself a follower of Jesus, what do you think of this idea—that God deeply loves us and wants us to know life through Jesus? What would change if you experienced the love of Jesus, love that isn't based on your actions or "worthiness," but because of what Jesus has already done?



*Christian worldview: This is the core message that Jesus was telling the world, so that humanity could know life and freedom: that we are loved not because of what we do, but because of what God has done for us. The image on the left represents that this is good news worth sharing! We are invited to think about who in our lives might need to hear this good news for themselves and to go and share with those very friends.*

3. Who do you know that might need to hear this good news for themselves?

## Activity: Spiritual Survey

During the first discussion, we filled out a survey to help us identify a starting point on our spiritual journeys. Revisit that survey below. Color in the rectangle based on how strongly you identify with each statement.

**TRUST** I try to value all people, but I usually don't trust Christians. I still feel a little skeptical about the whole thing.

not me at all      sort of describes me      100% this is me

**CURIOUS** I love learning how others experience faith. I want to press into my curiosity about Jesus rather than dismiss my questions.

not me at all      sort of describes me      100% this is me

**OPEN** I'm open to trying something new. I want to experience God for myself.

not me at all      sort of describes me      100% this is me

**SEEKING** I'm searching for deeper meaning and wonder if it could be found in Jesus. I want to actively find answers to the questions I have about him.

not me at all      sort of describes me      100% this is me

**READY** I may still have questions, but I'm ready to know more about following Jesus with my whole life.

not me at all      sort of describes me      100% this is me

## Debrief & Share

What do you notice as you fill out the survey? How have you grown or moved forward on your spiritual journey over the last few weeks?

## Next Steps

In the story, the younger son had to decide for himself that he wanted to return home. That was a pivotal decision for him and changed his life. We know that the father welcomed him with open arms and incredible joy. That same invitation is given to each of us. God is eagerly waiting to welcome us into His home.

Do you want to receive Jesus' love for you and choose to follow him?

**If you are ready, God receives you with love and joy. Take some time to pray with each other, celebrating this decision!**

Jesus, thank you for welcoming \_\_\_\_ into your family! Thank you that in you, \_\_\_\_ has new life and can experience healing and wholeness. Would you help \_\_\_\_ to trust you, to walk with you, to follow you in all that she does? May they be someone that always knows the loving embrace of her Father and invites others to the same. Help them walk in life and freedom as your beloved son/daughter. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**If you aren't ready, thank you for your honesty! What is standing in the way for you? What is the most important question you are asking about Jesus? Take some time to pray a blessing for each other.**

Jesus, thank you for the love that you have for me and my friend(s) \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for this chance to learn more about each other, our culture, and about you. Please help us to live lives that are not centered on ourselves, but on others, as you have showed us. Please bless our families—bring healing and peace where there might be pain or conflict. Please bless our friendship and helps us to continue to love one another well.

In Jesus' name, Amen