

# LIFEGROUPS

#### SETLIST (worship optional)

One Thing Remains by Israel Houghton You're Doing it All Again by Todd Dulaney Way Maker by Sinach Higher by William Murphy

## ICEBREAKER

## **OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO**

Genesis 4:1-7 | Psalm 30:5 SCRIPTURE (do not read until prompted in the discussion questions)

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

 God doesn't play favorites. He doesn't look at who your parents are or how you lived in your past to see how much he will bless you. If God is doing something in someone's life there may be something you're not doing. God is more active in some people's lives and if we want the same attention it might be time to do something different. Don't hate on someone's blessing because they may be doing something you're not doing. Is jealousy something you struggle with? Instead of hating on someone's blessings, how can you find out if they are doing something you're not?

• **Read Genesis 4:1-7**. God didn't love Abel more than Cain, he was upset at Cain because he was trying to get God to accept a cursed offering. Cain basically said that he was going to worship God his own way. To give God the first flocks Cain would have to go out of his comfort zone and that was something he didn't want to do because it would mean more work. God wants us to get out of our comfort zone in our praise for him. Ask God how he wants you to praise and don't shy away from his answer because the bigger the praise, the bigger the response. **Has God been calling you** to get out of your comfort zone? What does that look like?

- When God pulled Israel out of Egypt they had no moral code to follow because all they knew were the idols that the Egyptians worshipped. So God called Moses to bring the 10 commandments and mandated that there would be no other gods before him. One of the dilemma's we face today is we decide the kind of Jesus we want, but Jesus didn't come to accommodate his people, he came to change them. When you talk to someone about your faith, do you accommodate them by "watering down" Christ? How can you make sure that when you talk to people about Christ you are not accommodating their beliefs?
- On earth we are used to making noise AFTER something happens. Time after time in the Bible, God shows us that we are to make a sound to make something happen. Whatever outcome you desire make a sound that heads into that direction. Change your sound to get the results you desire: if you are feeling down, change your sound to joy. If you are feeling defeated, change your sound to victory. Read Psalm 30:5. What sounds can you make on a daily basis? What are some practical things you can do to change your sound from sorrow to joy?

#### **OUR CHALLENGE**

The challenge for this week is to step out of your comfort zone in your daily life. If God is calling you to praise in a different way, do it. Step out of your comfort zone when talking to new people about Christ. Don't shy away from telling people the power of Christ.