



# God's Plan

## Week 1 - God Has A Plan

### Discussion Guide

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We all want to know what God's plan is for our lives. We imagine that if we could see what God wants from us, we could jump right in, skip the unnecessary stuff, and become everything He's called us to be. The problem is that God almost never gives us the whole picture. As you go through these questions, consider the ways that God uses our journey to equip us for His plans in our lives.

God's Plan Week 1 Video.

#### Jump Start

1. Discuss with your group some of the questions you have about God's plan.
2. *Seek God with all your heart.* Read [Matthew 6:25-34](#). When you read the verses in Matthew, what stands out to you? What are the repeated messages? Now read [Jeremiah 29:13](#). What is the result of seeking God?
3. *God's plan is a journey.* Read [Hebrews 11:6-8](#). This week, we learned that we need to step out in faith in order to see God's "next step" in our lives. We know that it takes faith to move forward in a journey, especially when we can't see the whole picture. How is it pleasing to God when we take those steps? How does Hebrews 11:6 reiterate that we need to seek Him first? Talk about how the examples of Noah and Abraham are pictures of God's plan as a journey. Is there something in your own life that you need to take the first step on, in faith?
4. *Fix your eyes on God.* Read [Isaiah 26:3](#), [Proverbs 16:3](#), [Romans 12:2](#). According to Isaiah 26:3, what happens to us when our mind is fixed on God? According to Proverbs 16:3, what happens when we commit what we do to the Lord? What practical steps could you take to be better at fixing your eyes on God so that you can receive these promised outcomes? How does the verse in Romans tell us to discern the will of God? What does it look like to "not be conformed to this world?"
5. Final Thought: Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'" (NIV). God knows the plans He has for us, and it's infinitely more significant that He knows our future than it is for us to know it. What He promises us is this: His plans for us are good, His plans will not harm us, and He has already prepared our works in advance (Ephesians 2:10). How does it give you comfort to know that He has a good plan and that we can rest in His provision until we can see it?

### **Deeper**

6. We are repeatedly instructed in scripture to seek God in order to discern His plans for us. This week, we learned that we can seek Him through worship and through study of His Word, the Bible. There are many ways that the Holy Spirit has provided for us to earnestly seek God. Read the verses below and consider some of the ways the Bible tells us to pursue godliness.

**Read: [Psalm 119:15](#), [Philippians 4:6](#), [Matthew 6:16-18](#), [Psalm 119:11](#), [Psalm 62:5](#)**

Disciplining ourselves to grow in godliness does not make us better than anyone else or our salvation more “real.” But it does give us a means to draw nearer to God, which is our goal as Jesus-followers. When we draw near to God, when we earnestly seek Him, He will reveal the next step, He will show us His provision, and He will give us peace about where we are headed. What do you need to do to better seek and discern God’s plan this week?