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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

The God I Want // Week 4

The Conductor

***Leader Tips:*** *Share discussion guides with every group member. (perhaps send them the link or use screen-sharing). It makes the discussion go so much better when people can see the questions. With each bullet point, read the entire bullet point before opening discussion. Also consider this group time breakdown: 1 hour discussion, 20 minutes prayer.*

**Small Group Challenge:** We may be asking you to step out of your comfort zone, but don’t worry, you’ll have your fellow Small Group members right there with you in this fun challenge. Make a short video of your group singing a portion of your favorite Christmas song! It can be any Christmas song of your choosing, but you all must sing it together. Send the clip of at least 30 seconds to the small group point person.

**ICEBREAKER:**

* What are some of your Christmas traditions?
* Are you a fake Christmas tree or real tree kind of person?

**DISCUSSION:**

Why not take a moment right now to chat about the first time your group will meet in the new year?

1. Read Luke17:20,21 and Philippians 3:20,21 together. The. Message this week reminded us that the New Testament rarely refers to heaven as a destination when you die and earth as a place we pass through on our way there. What if it is our role to bring heaven culture to earth, and what if that heaven starts now?

* What stood out to you from the message?
* Are you comfortable talking about God’s kingdom?
* How do you find our modern worldview has been "de-spiritualized" compared to early Christian’s perspectives?

1. What does it mean to you to be a citizen of your home country?

* How does that impact your view of citizenship in heaven? What does it look like to be a citizen of heaven?
* What are some practical ways we can live as citizens of heaven while still being present and engaged in the world?

1. The message teaches that resurrection isn't just about a future event in heaven but experiencing it in the present. It's not merely an afterlife concept but something that begins in the here and now.

* In what ways can we actively participate in bringing God’s kingdom values and principles into our communities and spheres of influence?

**PRAYER:**

Let’s read the prayers and prophecies of the Christmas story together. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to memory friends and family members who need to experience the purpose and life transformation that only comes through Jesus. Share their names and pray together.

Luke 1:46-55

Luke 1: 67-79

Luke 2: 13,14

Luke 2: 29-32

**GOING DEEPER:**

Read Matthew 1:23. Do these thoughts on the meaning of heaven that we’ve discussed give added insight into the significance of “Immanuel… God with us?” In what way?

Let’s ask God to impress a fuller sense of His presence among us and our response to that Presence as we celebrate Christmas this year.