

# **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

- Icebreaker -You have a late-night talk show. Who do you invite as your first guest, and why?

- Jesus holds his children close. "Jesus is not an absentee parent/ friend/landlord. Even in a chaotic world filled with broken people, Jesus followers...are never alone." <u>Luke 12:6-7</u>; <u>Hebrews 13:5b</u>; <u>John</u> <u>10:27-28</u>; <u>2 Timothy 1:12b</u> How do these verses reassure you of God's presence?
- Jesus is praying for his children. Read <u>Hebrews 7:23-25; 9:24;</u> <u>1 John 2:1; Romans 8:26-27, 34; John 17:9, 11, 15, 20</u>. These scriptures help us see distinct aspects of how Jesus prays for us. Take time to name them and how they should affect me as a Jesus follower.
- 3. Jesus is preparing our forever home. <u>Romans 1:19-20</u>; <u>John 14:2-3</u>; and <u>1 Corinthians 2:9</u> show that for Jesus followers, "this world system doesn't have the final word." How do you imagine heaven and how does that change your willingness to share your story with others?
- 4. Jesus is working in and through His Church to complete his mission. Luke 19:10; Matthew 9:11-12; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-47; John 20:21. Reaching others was Jesus' "last command and still is his first concern. There is no other reason Jesus came..." How does Jesus' mission focus your life and how are you actively engaging to help complete this mission?
- 5. Jesus' mission is "the only reason Riverside Church exists and for many years now has been a pretty spiritually healthy, united, growing church." What responsibility do you have in Jesus' unstoppable mission through Riverside and what will you do this week to allow Jesus to empower and use you?

Day line: <u>Psalm 27</u> Day Two: <u>Proverbs 27</u> Day Three: <u>Judges 3</u> Day Four: <u>Isaiah 27</u> Day Five: <u>Acts 27</u>

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PERSONAL GUIDE



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