



## Week One | God Told Me... | 07.23-24.2022

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Series Recap:** It seems like we have watched a cotton candy version of our faith become mainstream in our culture. The good news of Jesus is so much better than a sweet and temporary fix for your life. Together, let's discover the rich goodness of Jesus.

### » Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is your favorite fair food?
- Digging Deeper: What is the Gospel? The answer to this question helps us to provide guardrails for all the messages we sense from God and receive from others.

### » Observation | Read Galatians 1:8; Colossians 2:8; 1 John 4:1-6; Psalm 19:7-14; Isaiah 40:8; Hebrews 13:8

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | If God's voice is subjective, it's not corrective.

(12 minutes)

- What areas of the Bible do you wish were suggestions instead of rules? Why?
- When you find parts of the Bible that are difficult to accept, how do you progress in understanding and belief?

### » Fortune Teller Messages | Reread Galatians 1:8; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Deuteronomy 18:18-22

(12 minutes)

- Are there areas of our lives, our futures, or our decisions that seem unaddressed by scriptural teachings?
- How does knowing the Word and character of God protect us from false teachings?

### » Step By Step Directions | Reread Colossians 2:8; Matthew 22:35-40; Deuteronomy 30:8-11

(12 minutes)

- What clear directions for living do we receive in the Bible? Do those directions seem too hard?
- Do you think people are easily captured by philosophies and traditions not in line with scripture? Why or why not?

### » Truthfully Tested Messages | Reread 1 John 4:1-6; Psalm 19:7-14; Isaiah 40:8; Hebrews 13:8

(12 minutes)

- What experiences solidify our belief in God's perfect love and perfect ways? What experiences challenge them?
- How does knowing that the Word of God will stand forever affect how you view the world today?

### » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How are you growing in your understanding of God through the Bible to help you discern the voices in and around you?
- Close by praying for one another to commit to spending time with Jesus this week, learning more about him and what he actually says.