

# CONNECT GROUPS

— life is better together —

## Week 7 Meeting (Week of Oct 30th)

This week we'll be talking about what it looks like to continue to follow Jesus in the face of defeat. Obstacles and uncertainty can make it feel like we've been "defeated" in our faith and in our work. We'll discuss our experiences of "defeat" and how we've found encouragement to keep going despite those difficulties.

Check-In (view Leaders Guide for check-in suggestions)

### Discussion

1. *One of the hardest parts of life is not knowing how the future of our life story will turn out.* How does uncertainty about the future affect the decisions you make in the present?
2. Have you ever felt like the hard work you were doing to help others seemed hopeless or helpless?
3. *As we follow Jesus we inevitably encounter obstacles, including questions and doubts about God, our own sin and mistakes, and brokenness in the world. Sometimes it feels like these obstacles are too much to overcome.* Have you ever felt "defeated" in your walk with Jesus?
4. What does it mean to "trust in God" when you know that God doesn't always keep you from facing obstacles, suffering, and "defeat"?
5. When you've felt "defeated," what are some things that have encouraged you to continue to follow Jesus anyway?

### Prayer

#### Optional readings:

If your group is looking for additional Scripture to read regarding this week's topics, here are some options. Do not feel obligated to read or discuss these as a group:

2 Cor 4:7-12

Romans 8:31-39