

WEEK 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE

FROM
NOW ON

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

Jesus invites us to trust that He is with us from now on.

BIBLE

John 1:9–14; Matthew 28:16–20;
Mark 9:17–24

ABOUT THIS WEEK

This week, we'll take a look at the opening chapter of John's Gospel to see how he described Jesus' presence in the world. John's words show that Jesus has always been present, and in light of this, **Jesus invites us to trust that He is with us from now on.**

Let's Break the Ice:

- "If Jesus moved into your neighborhood, what's the first thing you'd want to ask Him?"

Bible Study:

- Read Together: As a group, read John 1:9-14 NIV and Matthew 28:16-20 NIV
 - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: John 1:9-14 (pg 1033) // Matthew 28:16-20 (pg 972)*

Discussion Questions:

- What does John mean when he calls Jesus "the light of the world"?
- Why do you think some people didn't recognize Jesus for who He was? Do you think the same thing would happen if Jesus came into the world today?
- In Matthew 28:20, Jesus says, "I am with you." How does that make you feel when you face doubts or challenges?
- What does it mean to live like Jesus is always with you? How would your life look different if you did this all the time?

Make it Real:

- "What is one area of your life where you need to trust Jesus more?"

Prayer

Share Requests:

- Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.

Group Prayer:

- Encourage students to pray briefly for each other's requests.
- Close by thanking Jesus for His constant presence.

(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:

God Sightings: Spend 10 seconds each day reflecting on how Jesus is with you. Write down any "God sightings" (moments when you felt His presence).

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.
