

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE — Thanksgiving Weekend Intro

INTRO

This week prepares us for the Christmas series “The Way in a Manger” by asking a deeper question: “What way am I actually walking?”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Thanksgiving & Gratitude (Icebreaker)

- What was one moment or memory from this Thanksgiving that you're grateful for?
- Where did you see God's provision or kindness this week?
- Did anything about your Thanksgiving remind you of the importance of slowing down and acknowledging God's faithfulness?

2. From the Video

Rich talked about how we often want God's help and blessing but don't always slow down enough to acknowledge Him as our Provider.

- Why do you think that happens, especially during fast, busy seasons like the holidays?
- Where do you most feel the pull to rush ahead instead of pausing to recognize God's faithfulness?

3. Scripture

Read Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”

- What are some “ways that seem right” in our culture but ultimately pull us away from God's best?
- Have you ever followed a path that seemed right at the time, but ended up leading somewhere you didn't want to be? What did you learn from it?

4. Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas

The Thanksgiving video reminded us that Christmas is the story of God stepping into human history — not just to comfort us, but to save us.

- What part of the Christmas story has become too familiar or “sentimental” for you?
- How can we approach this Christmas season with fresh eyes and open hearts?
- What would it look like for you to enter this season with a posture of gratitude and openness toward God's leading?

CONCLUSION & OUTRO

Christmas is more than a season — it's a story that invites us into a new way. Next week, we begin our Christmas series: “The Way in a Manger.” Come expecting and bring someone with you.

And mark your calendar: Our Christmas Eve service on December 24 will be a beautiful, meaningful celebration for the whole family. Invite a friend or neighbor!