



## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

### Lesson 5—John 3:1-21

#### ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?*

*How is this my story?*

*How is this others' story?*

*How is this the world's story?*

#### PRAYER

Pray Psalm 51:5-17 together.

#### WEEKLY PRACTICE

##### *From Darkness to Light:*

We are told that to be born anew into life with Jesus is to become people of God's light in the world. Yet, our lives can still be marked by darkness. This week find a dark place in your home and sit for 10 minutes in darkness and silence. Let yourself be present to the environment. Reflect on this experience: How does the darkness affect you? What do you feel? How do you hear God's voice in the darkness, calling you to draw closer to him?

Then, having brought a flashlight with you, turn on the light and pray this prayer, and reflect with these questions:

- "Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world, and my world. Bring me to life in your light."
- How did the introduction of light to your environment change your experience? Mood?
- Where do you sense God is calling you more deeply into life with him in his mission?

#### BECOMING MY STORY

• *Numbers 21:4-9*

• *John 7:32-52*

• *Ephesians 5:1-21*

• *1 John 1:5-2:2*

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above Scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story, and the world's story. In the context of John 3:1-21, consider the following questions:

*How are these Scripture passages related to the message in John 3:1-21?*

*How do these Scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from John 3:1-21?*

*What is God saying to you through these passages?*

Consider other passages that you might know related to John 3:1-21 and read them this week, journaling as you go.