

# COS Growth Group Curriculum

## When God... Feels Inattentive (Week 1)

### Opening Prayer

God, we come to you honest and open. Some of us are waiting, some of us are doubting, and some of us are tired. Meet us here tonight. Give us ears to hear, hearts to trust, and courage to keep following you even when answers don't come quickly. Amen.

### Icebreaker

Share about a time you waited longer than expected for something important. How did the waiting make you feel?

### Sermon Summary

This week begins the series *When God?!?* by looking at John the Baptist—a faithful servant of God who found himself imprisoned, confused, and wondering if God was paying attention. Even John, who baptized Jesus, questioned whether Jesus was truly the Messiah. Jesus did not shame John for his doubts, nor did He immediately rescue him. Instead, Jesus pointed John to evidence of God's work and invited him into resilient faith—faith that trusts God even when circumstances don't change.

### Key Takeaways

- Doubt does not disqualify faith.
- God is often working even when we cannot see it.
- Faith is defined by trust, not circumstances.
- Looking out, back, and up helps sustain resilient faith.

### Understanding the Vision

1. Why do you think John struggled to believe while in prison?
2. How does Jesus' response reshape how we think about doubt?
3. What does this story teach us about unmet expectations of God?

### Personal Reflection

1. Where in your life are you currently asking, "When God?"
2. Have unmet expectations ever shaken your faith?
3. What helps you keep trusting when answers don't come?

### Everyday Practice

- Look out: Notice where God is working this week.
- Look back: Recall a moment God showed up in your past.
- Look up: Practice persistent, honest prayer.