

Week 1

#### Look Back:

How have you stepped into uncertain "waters" of faith this year? How are you still waiting on the shore for more direction or courage?

## Look Up:

## Read Matthew 28:16-20

- 1. Why do you think Matthew mentions that "some doubted"? What does this say about Matthew and the disciples?
- 2. What was Jesus' initial response to their worship and doubts in verse 18? Why do you think He started with this statement and what does it mean to you personally?
- 3. What are the 4 things Jesus tells His disciples to do in verses 19 & 20? Which of these is easiest for you to do? Which is most challenging for you and why?
- 4. What do you think is the significance of Jesus' final statement? How would you explain this to someone who is still exploring what it means to have faith in Jesus?

## Read Luke 15:1-7 and Matthew 9:9-13

- 5. Why do you think the Pharisees (religious leaders) were concerned about who Jesus ate with? What does this say about them?
- 6. What does Jesus' parable of the lost sheep say about God? What words or phrases illustrate God's character and desires?
- 7. How is the disciple Matthew an example of how "rescued people rescue?" How can people today follow his example? What does this mean for you personally?

# **Overall (Discovery Bible Study)**

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

#### Look Ahead:

Who is the "one" in your life who still has doubts or questions about Jesus? How can you purposefully engage them in your daily life?

### **Notes**

Where are you going? Jesus calls everyone to progress from where we are to greater and deeper levels of faith. He knows and accepts that we may have doubts, and assures us that He will always be there to support and guide us. As disciples, we are called to be obedient and seek those who are lost and wandering.

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