## Paths of Righteousness

Why does a personal connection matter?

- Jeremiah 6:16
  - o "This is what the Lord says: 'Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls. But you reply, 'No, that's not the road we want!'"
- 1. We have a good guide.
  - Fear is a bad guide.
  - Shame is a bad guide.
  - YOU are a bad guide.
  - Culture is a bad guide.
  - Not having a guide is a BAD guide!
    - Proverbs 14:12
    - 2 Corinthians 5:7
    - John 5:19
    - Psalm 139:23-24

Application: Surrender

- 2. The guide will require something of me.
  - James 1:22
  - Luke 14:28-30
  - Mark 8:34

Application: Sacrifice

- 3. It's about our role in God's story.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:20
  - Ephesians 2:10
  - Romans 6:1-4
  - Philippians 1:6
  - Proverbs 16:9

Application: Follow!