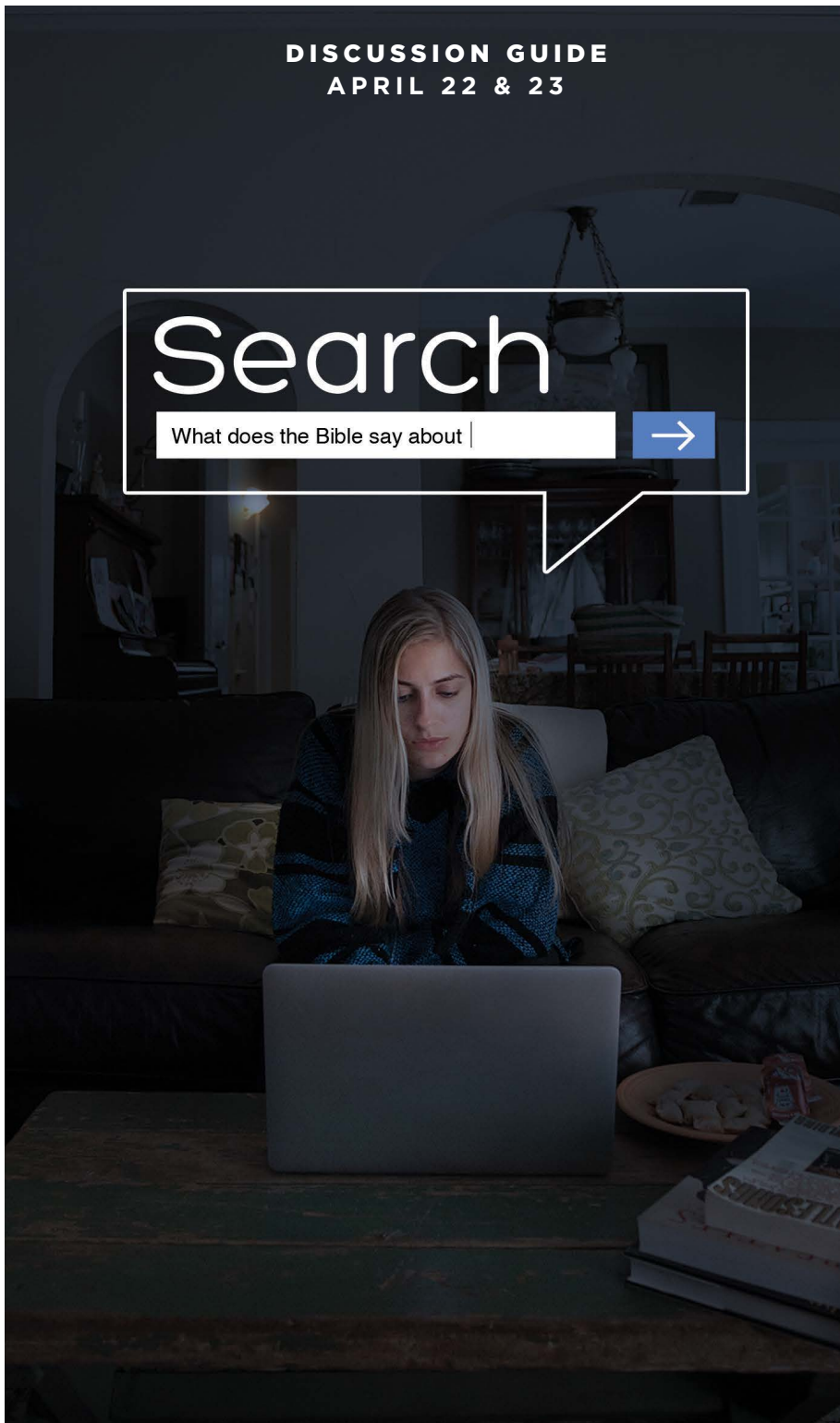


DISCUSSION GUIDE
APRIL 22 & 23

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Opening Questions

1. Todd mentioned four things in his message that lead to decreased church attendance: kids' activities, decompress/time away, self-directed, past hurts. Which one seems most significant? Why?
2. The internet provides all kinds of Christian worship, learning, and information. What is good about this and what is bad?
3. What question(s) would you like to ask Todd Hutchison about his message or the church in Acts?

In the Word

1. Read [Acts 2:42-47](#).
2. Talk about the context of these verses. At what point do they come in church history? Where was this taking place? Why are they important verses?
3. From [Acts 2:42-47](#), make a list of the specific descriptions of the church. What things seem especially important and why? What impacts you the most about these verses?
4. Read [Ephesians 4:1-16](#). What specifics does Paul mention about the church? What's important?
5. In Jerusalem and in Ephesus, what kind of impact did the church have?
6. What would you imagine it would have been like to be part of this church in Acts? Why?

Making It Personal

1. When you serve in and through the church, what takes place in you? In the church?
2. In what way(s) are you living out your faith in front of your children, family, and others?
3. How are you doing with inviting others to Pathway Church? What prevents you? What helps you?
4. Evaluate your attendance and participation over the last 12 month at Pathway Church? What do you think is your greatest growth area? What help do you need from the group? Be honest, specific, and vulnerable.
5. Spend time in prayer for Pathway Church, the community and individual commitment and involvement. Pray for God to dominate our lives.

Continued Learning

1. Read back through [Acts 2:42-47](#) once again. How would you evaluate Pathway Church in light of these verses? What are some strengths? What are some growth areas?
2. NOTE: This weekend we also began talking about an upcoming opportunity to be baptized. Baptism is an important step in following Jesus and being part of His Church. Mention this opportunity to your group and encourage those who have not been baptized to pursue this command. As time allows, have group members share their baptism stories this week and/or next week.

Additional Notes



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