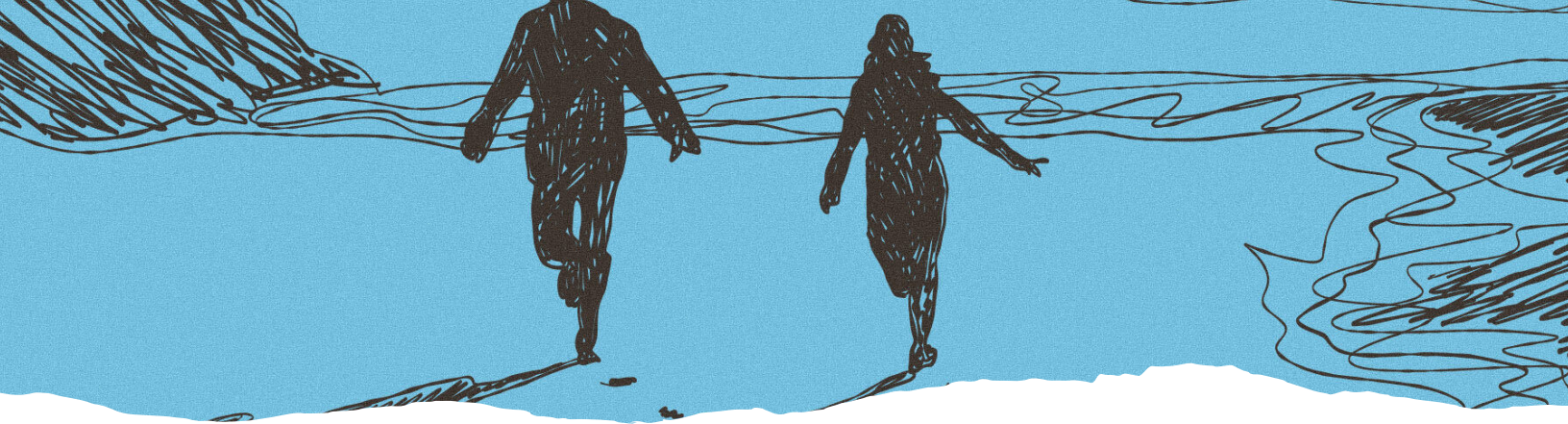




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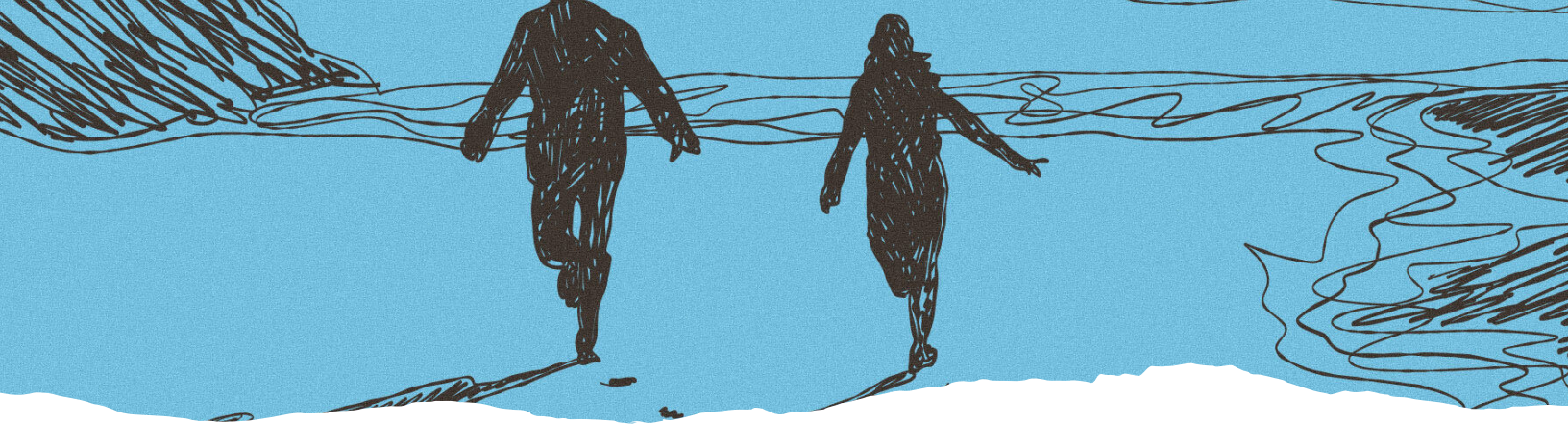
- Who taught you a skill by doing it with you instead of explaining it to you?
- Who do you call first when you have a hard decision to make?
- When was the last time you were sure about something and turned out to be wrong?

INTERPRETIVE QUESTIONS

- Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What is God asking us to do, and what is He asking us not to do?
- What does it mean to trust God "with all your heart"?
- Why would God warn us against relying on our own understanding? Isn't our understanding useful?
- Read Matthew 7:24-27. What is the same about both builders? What is different?
- Both houses face the same storm. What does that tell us about what Jesus is promising and what He isn't?
- Jesus could have ended the Sermon on the Mount any number of ways. Why do you think He ended with this?

FORMATIVE QUESTIONS

- What decision are you facing right now where you'd rather figure it out yourself than ask God?
- Is there something Jesus taught that you believe is true but have never actually done?
- Who in your life is further along in following Jesus than you are? What have you learned from them?
- What would change this week if you did one thing Jesus said instead of just agreeing with it?



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PRAYER

“Jesus, we trust ourselves more than we trust You. We hear what You say and often stop there. Teach us to trust You with all that we are, and give us the courage to do what You tell us. Amen.”

PRACTICE (FOR THIS WEEK)

Read Matthew 5-7 in one sitting. It takes about fifteen minutes. Write down one thing Jesus says that you have never seriously tried to do. Do that one thing at least once before your group meets again, and come ready to talk about how it went.

NOTES/GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS
