

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

- What parts of your life feel “settled”? As you think about these places, share how feeling settled might hinder your hearing God in some way.
- One reason Matthew was ready to say “yes” to following Jesus was because he was paying attention. **Glance through Matthew 8:1-9:8** (This is the passage right before where we read about Matthew’s calling.) Notice the work of Jesus that Matthew was seeing all around him. Why do you think these things might have mattered for Matthew? What would (or what does) paying attention look like for you?
- “Your first step of YES is to investigate what’s bubbling up.” What has been bubbling up for you that might be an invitation from God? If you’ve already begun investigating it, what are you discovering? If you have not investigated yet, what can your next step be toward that goal? Open the question to the group to help you come up with ideas if needed.
- “Your second step of YES is to find where God is moving and join in.” Have you ever noticed God moving or working somewhere? Share with the group about that. Do you see any places in your life where that same kind of movement of God is happening? What kind of response do you see yourself having?
- What might hinder you from saying “yes”? Think about how you can overcome that hurdle. Share with the group any ways they can help you say “yes.”

Remember:

Whether you are connecting with your group online, over the phone, or in person, the five things that make small groups so transformative (Accountability, Guidance, Encouragement, Vulnerability, and Application) can STILL HAPPEN. Think about how these things are happening in your group!

