

# Mystic



## ✔ Prepare in Advance

Prepare the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

## ✔ As a Group

- Show the *Bible Background Video*.
- Ask: Who do you lead? (child/friend/relative/ church people) Who are you a model for? Who do you invite to change/growth/decision making?
- Say: As a leader, Paul wanted the Thessalonians to choose to live lives worthy of God. And he was thankful when they decided to do so. Decisions about how we are going to live help us to mature in our faith. The Thessalonians wanted to make good decisions about following God. And eventually, they helped others to make good decisions as well. In this lesson we will look at how God seems to lead us . . . and how we might emulate him and choose to lead others in their faith living.

## ✔ PERSONAL REFLECTION WITH GOD

Reflect on a current decision you are facing today (it might involve a life shift, or a relationship or a problematic situation).

Spend some moments sharing the situation with God.

- What kind of guidance do you want from God? Ask him for it.
- What kind of guidance does God seem to be giving you? Leave a space for God to respond to your prayer. You may or may not sense anything specific at this time, and that is okay. Leave the prayer in God's hearing.
- What are your feelings/thoughts/questions/ challenges about God's leadership as you ponder this decision? What does he seem to do or not do?

## ✔ GROUP DISCUSSION

List the leadership qualities and actions that God seems to have as he leads his people (it can be helpful to look at Jesus' life as well).

- How is God's leadership encouraging? How is it frustrating?
- Why do you think God leads in the ways he does?

LISTEN to "River God" sung by Nichole Nordeman (You can find the link to this song on this sessions webpage.)

## ✔ PERSONAL REFLECTION WITH GOD

Consider someone in your life whom you are leading/encouraging/modeling for in some way.

What are your deepest hopes for this person? Share those hopes with God.

Imagine God loving this person and leading this person

Ask God to show you ways you can love/lead this person in a way that best emulates God's heart and leadership style. What are some things you might want to continue doing? What are some things you might want to change?

Imagine yourself and this person in God's surrounding care and love.

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