MARION CHRISTIAN CENTER

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GETTING TO KNOW ME

What's something you've been a part of that made you feel like you truly belonged? (Share fun or meaningful moments teams, clubs, family traditions, church experiences.)

Our Vision Statement is *Showing Jesus to My World*. Please take time to allow ones to share how they had an opportunity to "Let Them See Jesus".

GETTING REAL

"Let those who have been set free by the Lord tell their story. He set them free from the power of the enemy." Psalm 107:2

Have someone share how they became a Christian or about a significant event that happened between them and God.

GETTING DEEP READ 1 Peter 2:5-6

1) We All Have a Place

"You are living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple..." — 1 Peter 2:5a

- a. What does it mean to be a "living stone" in God's house?
- b. Why is it important that God is the one building us into something together?
- c. Have you ever felt like you didn't belong—even in church? How did God meet you in that place?

2) We All Have a Purpose

"You are His holy priests...you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God." — 1 Peter 2:5b

- a. What does it mean to you that you are a "holy priest"?
- b. What kind of spiritual sacrifices can we offer today? (e.g., worship, service, obedience, love)
- c. How has God used your gifts, story, or personality to minister to others?

3) We all FIT

"Anyone who trusts in Him will never be disgraced."1 Peter 2:6

- a. How does this verse speak to those who may feel "too young," "too old," "not skilled," or "not spiritual enough"?
- b. Why do you think God uses people of all ages and abilities in His house?
- c. How can we, as a group or church, better include and affirm everyone's value?

Action Step This Week

- **Speak life** into someone who may feel left out or forgotten.
- **Pray** for God to show you new ways to serve or connect.
- **Step out** in faith—whether that's volunteering, mentoring, or simply showing up with intentionality.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER