GO FURTHER | SEPTEMBER 4 | RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

• AS FALL BEGINS, WHAT DO YOU MOST LOOK FORWARD TO? SWEATER WEATHER? PUMPKIN SPICE EVERYTHING? JUMPING IN THE LEAVES?

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- Read 1 Samuel 16:6-7. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What are the ways we judge each other by outward appearance?
- What are the ways we evaluate each other by our heart, by our actions, by our character?
- As we are awakened to the reality of Jesus, it can happen dramatically or over time, like a slow burn.

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Acts 9:1-6. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- In your coming to faith in Jesus, is it dramatic like Saul's story or a slow burn, like the first disciples?
- For many of us, the practice of faith precedes belief.
- Read Mark 9:20-24. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How can we stake steps forward in faith, through our doubts or even through the fact we don't really believe yet?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

• Jesus, we pray as the father did so long ago: we believe. Help our unbelief. May we be so bold to practice our faith this week, in the face of any doubts we might have, in the face of the fact we might not believe any of this. May we find an awakening in our practice of faith that leads straight to you, that wants nothing more than our complete healing and wholeness, in this life, right now, today.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

• For more on practicing faith, check out this 3-day Bible reading plan: https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/28057-exercise-your-faith