



# DECONSTRUCT

**GO FURTHER | JAN 8 | THE PLACE OF QUESTIONS**

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

- Did you make any New Year's resolutions? If so, and you feel comfortable, share them.

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

- If you have been following Jesus for some time, are there beliefs that have changed over time? Some examples could be end times views, what it takes to believe to be a Christian, the age of the earth, how Christians respond to refugees, immigration, etc.
- What caused those beliefs to change?
- Read Jeremiah 29:13. What words or phrases jump out at you?
- How does asking questions and deconstructing our beliefs fit with looking for God wholeheartedly?

**START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.**

- Read Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 9:9. What words or phrases jump out to you?
- What does Jesus ask his disciples to believe before following? How many doctrines and beliefs must they have correct?
- You can follow Jesus without having it all figured out.
- When you have questions and doubts, ask yourself what am I seeking? Am I seeking the truth to understand God better? Am I doing it just because it is a fad, in vogue? Am I doing it because I'm being convicted by God through prayer, friends, and family? Having the right focus will help you stay close to Jesus through the questions.

**START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.**

- Lord Jesus, in the busy and hectic and crazy days we live, may we take moments to be with you, the one who loves us deeply, who wants us to bring all of us to you, all our doubts and questions and hopes and dreams, all of us, without a filter. May we go encouraged and empowered into a new week with you, with all our questions and doubts, because it is in your mercy and grace and love we find our hope. It is in your resurrected name we pray together, Amen.

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

- For more on Peter's story, check out this 5-day reading plan:  
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/15693-peter-from-everyday-fisherman-to-disciple>