

## **No Insignificant Stories Part 2 Small Group Questions**

### **Conversation Starter**

1. When is a time you planned something meticulously and then your plan completely fell apart?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read Isaiah 55:9-11.
  - a. What is something about God or His ways that you don't understand?
2. Read Genesis 3:8-13. At the moment of temptation, they (Adam & Eve) no longer viewed God as the one who loves them and wants to walk with them. Instead, he became the God who was holding them back.
  - a. When is a time when you have felt that God wants to hold you back from what you wanted?
3. If you were God at the moment that Adam and Eve sinned, what would you have done?
4. How are God's ways at that moment different than your ways?
5. Read Romans 7:19-24. This passage lays out the human problem with sin: We are incapable of living without sin.
  - a. How have you found yourself wanting to NOT sin and then did the very sin you set out NOT to do?
6. Read Matthew 1:23.
  - a. How does the name Immanuel show us God's ultimate desire in walking with those he created? (We can't go to God, so God came to us.)
  - b. How do we experience God with us?
7. From the beginning (Genesis) to the end (Revelation) God never lost his desire to walk with people.
  - a. How does knowing the big picture of God's plan change your view of the Christmas story?
  - b. How does knowing the big picture of God's plan change your view of you?

### **Gender Breakout**

1. Who is someone you know that needs to know about God's plan of coming to us since we can't go to him? How can we pray for you and that person?