

## STUDY INTRODUCTION

We all have plans for how we want things to go. Planning offers predictability and control in our lives. But sometimes our plans aren't the best. So, what do we do when faced with a change of direction?

## **USING THIS GUIDE**

- 1. Print a copy of the guide for each member of your group.
- 2. Watch the video as a group and use the guide to follow along and take notes.
- 3. Complete the discussion questions when prompted by the video.

## **VIDEO NOTES**

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- 1. What plan did you have for your life when you were younger?
- 2. How does your life today compare to your original plan?
- 3. Saul's change of plans was pretty dramatic—from mercenary to missionary. Talk about someone you know (or know of) who has experienced a similarly dramatic change. What has their story taught you about God's plans?
- 4. Saul heard the audible voice of God, but discerning God's plan is rarely that clear. Gavin described feeling drawn toward ministry and away from the marketplace over the course of years. What are some ways you've felt led by God to alter your plans?
- 5. Gavin offered three action steps:
  - Make plans with open hands. (Are you open to God's better plan for your life?)
  - Check your hands. (Are you trying too hard to control the plan for your life?)
  - Don't close your hands. (Are you resisting the plan God is revealing to you?)

Which of these is hardest for you? Are you struggling with one of these steps right now?