



## Net Group Discussion Guide Week Four: Black & White

### INTRODUCTION

This past Sunday, Ryan talked about how life is seldom black and white. Given one set of circumstances, **this** might be the right path, but given another set of circumstances, **that** might be the right path. Sometimes though, this can cause us to feel as though there are no certainties. Which is why it's important to remember that God created shades of grey by design because, as the quote Ryan gave stated, "Jesus wants to teach us to drive." In the end, our call is to do the hard work of putting thought into each decision we make.

### GETTING STARTED

- Did you hear yanni or laurel?
- Regarding Proverbs 26:4-5, when in life do you think each verse may be the right one to apply?

### THINKING THROUGH IT

- Why do you think most people prefer things to be black and white? How do you tend to handle uncertainty?
- Where currently in your life do you see context as a factor in making the right decision?
- What do you think of Ryan's statement: "We are required to do more than passively embrace some predetermined manual for life?" Does this challenge your understanding of the Bible? Why or why not?
- How do you determine where to draw the line between clear rights and wrongs and "shades of grey"? What role do you see God's Spirit playing in discerning boundaries and freedoms?
- What dangers do you see in giving yourself the freedom to apply biblical wisdom over holding to a set of rules? What dangers do you see in holding to a set of rules over applying biblical wisdom? Do you see these two concepts as either/ors or both/ands? Explain.
- Read Romans 14:14-23. What does this passage add to the topic at hand?
- How do you think seeing life in "shades of grey" might benefit your relationships with others?

### NEXT STEPS

- What do you believe God is saying to you through this message and time of discussion?
- What step can you take this week to follow through on what you believe you're hearing?