REFLECTION GUIDE

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INTRO

Asking questions is not an enemy of faith. When we care enough to seek a deeper understanding of who God is, we open our minds to life-changing transformation.

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PRAYER

God of the universe, I know I will never fully understand you, and that is inspiring! Do not let me become complacent or lazy when it comes to growing spiritually. Renew my curiosity, and may the things I learn transform my life and the lives of those around me. Amen.

DIGGING DEEPER

- Would you describe yourself as an inquisitive person?
- Why do you think our natural curiosity seems to diminish with age?
- After the disciples reported performing miracles in Jesus' name, it is recorded that Jesus prayed the following prayer:
 "At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said,
 'O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way." [Luke 10:21, NLT]
 - What does Jesus mean when he said God was "hiding these things from those who think themselves wise"?
 - Why do you think that Jesus used the term "childlike" to describe those who receive understanding from God?
 - In this stage of your life, which description best characterizes you?
- What connection do you think exists between humility and curiosity?
- Have you ever gone through a dry spell when your excitement about God dwindled? How did you move past it?
- What spiritual topic are you interested in learning more about? What steps can you take this week to deepen your understanding?