Small Group Discussion Notes
And Yet… God is Near
Week 1
January 25, 2026

Warm Up

Share about a time when you felt lonely?

Digging Deeper

What is one observation or takeaway from this week's sermon?

Consider Jesus' life, what other circumstances besides those shared on Sunday might have led Jesus to feel lonely?

Why is Jesus' understanding of our earthly realities (like loneliness) important?

What verses come to mind that speak of God's nearness to us, and what reflection do you have on these passages?

Read Psalm 23:4 & Psalm 145:18

What do these Psalms communicate about God's nearness?

Read John 14:16-17

What is the importance of the Holy Spirit living in us? How does the Spirit's presence impact our lives in moments of loneliness?

Next Steps

Why do you think loneliness is such a prevalent experience for people today?

How does knowing that God is always near to us impact the way we walk through seasons of loneliness?

How can MVC and/or churches in general serve the lonely?

What tangible steps can we take to remind ourselves, and perhaps others, that God is always near?

Final Thoughts

Pray for those in your group who might be walking through a season of loneliness. Ask the Lord to provide daily reminders of his nearness to us.