

## Leader Guide for SESSION 8: ACCOMPANIMENT & RELATIONAL MINISTRY

### *Overview:*

Accompaniment is becoming a popular word in church-circles today. This session will attempt to dig a bit deeper into exactly what this concept means, before providing practical tips for relational ministry.

### *Session Outline:*

- The facilitator should welcome everyone, provide time for any necessary introductions, and lead a brief opening prayer. Next, he/she should read the overview (see above) or provide an overview of the session in his/her own words.
- Watch Segment 1: Defining Accompaniment (2:10)
  - As a group, read the Emmaus account in Lk. 24:13-35.
  - Invite your group to reflect personally and communally on the following:  
How does Jesus accompany the two men on the road to Emmaus?
- Watch Segment 2: The Art of Accompaniment (5:04)
  - Invite your volunteers to reflect personally on the following questions:
    - Who has accompanied you?
    - How did he/she accompany you?
  - As a group, share your answers to the questions listed above.
- Watch Segment 3: Initiating Accompaniment (5:10)
  - Discuss the following with your group:
    - Of the dynamics of accompaniment that Matt discussed, which ones do you think will be easy for you? Why?
    - Which ones might be more difficult?
  - Invite group members to partner up and role-play in a relational ministry setting.
- Takeaways and Closing Prayer
  - The facilitator should invite participants to briefly share their biggest takeaway or question from the session. The facilitator should note these carefully, as they will provide fodder for one-on-one follow up.
  - The facilitator should close the session with a prayer.