



### **Wish You Were Here, Pt. 1: From Here to There**

Whether blowing out candles or throwing a coin in a fountain, we've all made wishes. They seem like fantasies, but some small part of us holds out hope that they could come true. Some of our wishes are silly and frivolous. But some of them are huge. Sometimes we feel stuck in life. We know where we are, but wish we were somewhere else. How do you turn those big wishes into reality? How do you get from here to there?

**Bottom Line:** God has wishes for your future that are beyond what you can see.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing, large or small, that you've wished for? How did you imagine that the fulfillment of that wish would change your life?
2. What are some reasons that people allow the pursuit of good things to get in the way of God's best for their lives? To what extent do you find yourself choosing good things over God's best?
3. **Read Philippians 1:9–11.** In what ways do you think loving more could help you know "what is best" in your life? What are some specific ways it would change the way you relate to God and with other people?
4. "God's wishes for your future are greater than his worries about your past." Is it difficult for you to believe that statement? Why or why not?
5. Sometimes there are three reasons people think God may have quit on them: they're worried, they're too comfortable, or they're lonely. Which of these reasons tends to be the biggest obstacle for you? What are some things you can do to overcome that obstacle?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to begin to uncover God's wish for you? What can this group do to support you?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from this series? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?