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## EPISODE 1: WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

What struck you most from this first episode?

What kinds of happiness are people seeking in their daily lives today?

"Destination Addiction" means to think that you will not be happy until you achieve or get something. How prevalent is this in our world?

Jesus' first words in the Gospel are "What do you seek?" What are you looking for in your life right now?

When you were younger, what did happiness mean to you? Has that changed?

What are you looking to find this year as you grow in faith. What are you seeking?

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## EPISODE 2: WHO ARE YOU?

What struck you most from this second episode?

It's easy to confuse small with insignificant. Why is that true?

What similarities exist between the marvels of creation and our own human bodies?

Following C.C. Lewis' line of thought, do you think there is a God-shaped hole inside each of us that only God can fill? Why or why not?

Chris mentioned how Jesus began his ministry with the question "What are you looking for?" What do you think about the possibility that God is looking for you?

Why are humans so attracted to our natural surroundings, often feeling a sense of awe and wonder by them?

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## EPISODE 3: WHY A GOD?

What struck you most from this third episode?

Are all humans by nature religious?

Why is it reasonable to hold that God exists?

What is the relationship of science to faith? How are they similar, and how are they different?

Has science disproved God's existence?

Do you think society is better off without God?

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## EPIISODE 4: WHAT'S OUR STORY?

What struck you most from this fourth episode?

Why are humans interested in stories?

How did you react when they shared the foundations of the Christian story?

What is your personal favorite part of the story of God that we find in Scripture? Why?

There is a way to understand the Christian story that is based in information and one that is based in relationship. Which do you relate to more and why?

Has the Christian story ever felt like a to-do list or just a bunch of rules to you?

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## EPISODE 5: WHO IS JESUS?

What struck you most from this fifth episode?

Many people think of Jesus as a prophet, a really nice man, or perhaps even the Son of God. Who do you say Jesus was? Was He "Lord, liar, or lunatic?"

Chris said we can know that God exists by thinking about it. But knowing who God is--that's another story. If Jesus reveals who God is, what does he reveal?

What from this episode have you not considered before about Jesus?

Pope Benedict XVI says that the happiness we look for has a face and a name: Jesus. What might skeptics say about this?

Who has Jesus been to you throughout your life? God, friend, or mythical figure?

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## EPISODE 6: AM I SAVED?

What struck you most from this sixth episode?

How would you have reacted to Jesus when He said, "Put out your nets for a catch" after you hadn't caught anything all night?

Chris mentioned that we often define ourselves by what has happened to us or by what we struggle with. What are those things? Is this true? Is there more?

Chris said there has to come a time when we say yes to love, and that love won't force itself on us. Have you said yes to Christ's love. Would you like to say yes to Him right now--to give him everything?

Is salvation a one-time thing?

What do you say to people when they ask you if you've been saved?

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## EPISODE 7: WHY A CHURCH?

What struck you most from this seventh episode?

Do you know any "nones"?

What has been your experience of the Church? Good, bad, and ugly...

What has your journey of The Search meant to you?

Chris explained that the word "missa" said at the end of Mass means "sent." As you are sent, what will you do after you receive Confirmation?

Does it make sense that the Catholic Church emphasizes ritual, symbol, and rhythm as being important in the life of faith? Why?