



STARTING POINT

Everything in life has a starting point. Your education had a starting point. Your career had a starting point. Your romantic life had a starting point. Your experience as a parent had a starting point. Faith has a starting point as well.

During childhood, you may have been handed a faith framework through which you began to view the world. For many of us, that childhood faith didn't survive the challenges and pressures of adulthood. So, if we're going to begin the process of discovering our faith, where do we start? Where do we regain our wonder and passion for Jesus?

**I am well aware that there are no scriptures to read in this discussion. As we begin Starting Point, we're going to just talk about Jesus from our own experiences.

CONNECT

What kind of faith or religion was part of your upbringing, if any?

How would you describe the Jesus of your youth?

TALK ABOUT IT

How would you describe your current situation with faith (curious about faith, new to faith, returning to faith, or something else)?

How has or are the rigors of adulthood challenging your faith?

Conversations about faith tend to bring up lots of questions.

Do you agree that the most important question is "Who is Jesus?" Why or why not?

Have you ever heard the idea that the Christian faith is not about what Jesus said before he died, but about what happened after he died?

What thoughts, feelings, or questions does that surface for you?

PRAY

It's the end of the discussion time, and you are likely feeling rushed to let everyone go. Maybe it went longer than you planned. Maybe the kids are past restless. **HOLD ON!** Don't overlook this crucial part of living life together. We get closer to people the more we know who they really are and what they are dealing with.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.