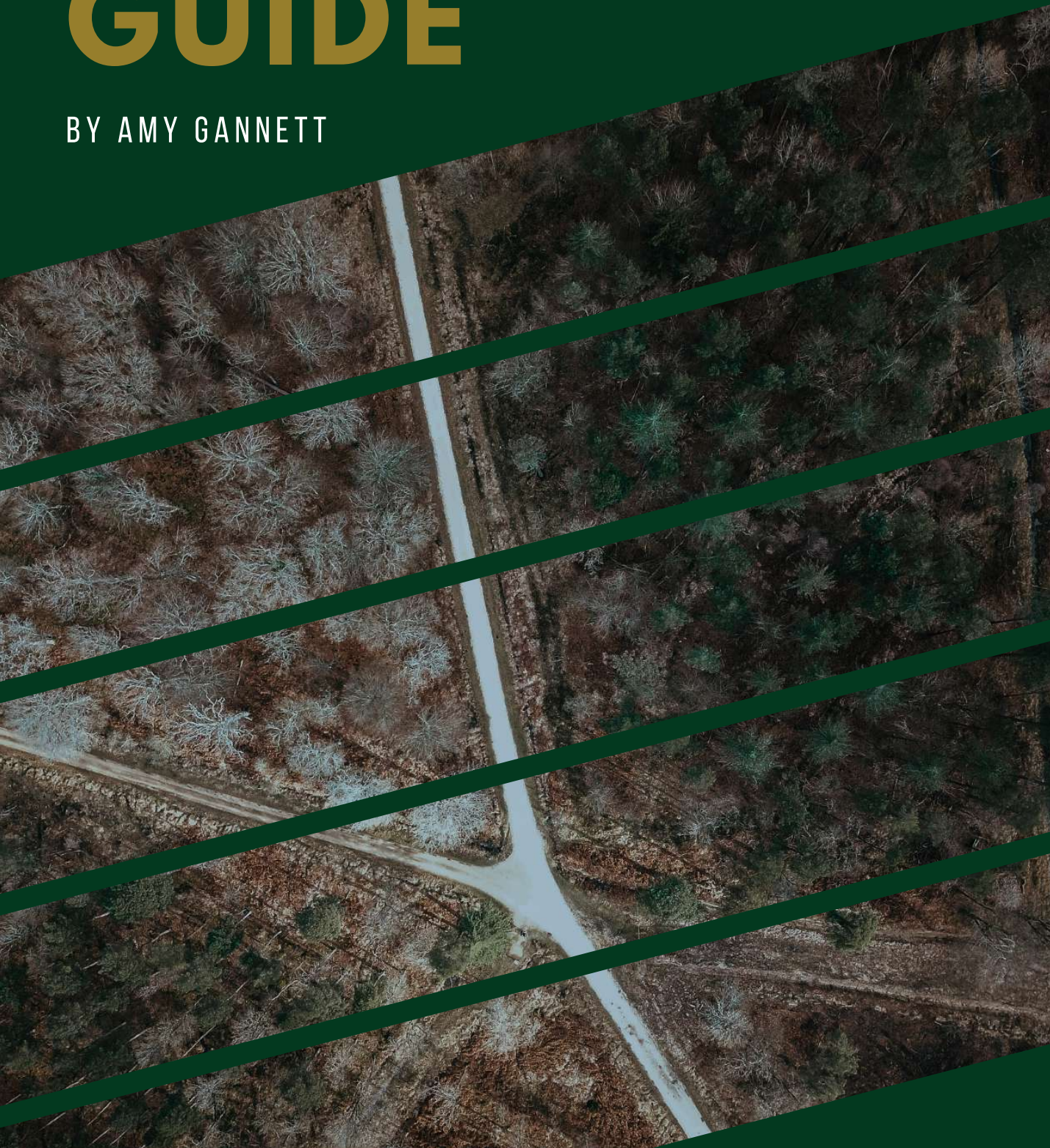


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GROUP GUIDE

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5 - WEEK GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



WEEK 1

INTRO THROUGH DAY 5



Lent is a season to intentionally remind ourselves that we are not satisfied. Are you giving something up for Lent? How do you hope this craving will remind you to crave the Kingdom of God?

Recall the widow who gave, as Christ said, "of her very life." In what ways can you emulate her self-giving sacrifice? In what ways do you need to learn to see personal belongings - money, assets, skills - in light of the Kingdom of God rather than the kingdom of this world?



Pray together.

WEEK 2

DAY 6 THROUGH 10



How does the theological reality that, as a follower of Christ, you have permanent access to God through the Spirit? How can you live your life today to reflect this truth?

When you read Christ's words about "the end," what is your initial response? How do you need to "settle it in [your] heart" the hopeful reality that these signs point to the coming of Christ's Kingdom?

This week we were reminded that suffering is a normal part of the Christian life. Do you believe this? Why or why not? How can your life as a Christian reflect Christ's, even in suffering?



Pray together.

WEEK 3

DAY 11 THROUGH 15



How does the connection between Christ's command to the disciples to "stand up" and the story of the woman who couldn't "stand up" before she was healed by Christ unfold your understanding of the Christian's proper posture when the signs of the Kingdom are before them?

In what areas of your life do you need to "stay awake" and "watch for the Kingdom of God"? What sins distract you from this mission?



Pray together.



WEEK 4

DAY 16 THROUGH 20



The Passover meal was about looking back and about looking forward. What were the disciples supposed to remember at that meal? What did Christ reveal they were now to anticipate?

In the Garden, we're reminded of the humanity of Christ. How does Christ's grief in the Garden encourage you in your own suffering? How can you emulate Christ's submission to the Father's will and willing obedience in your own life?



Pray together.



WEEK 5

DAY 20 THROUGH 25



Christ forgives the thief beside Him as He hung on the cross. What does this reveal to you about God's character? About Christ's mission?

Consider the contrast of light and darkness in the Scriptures. Name a few references to each. What does it mean that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness have not overcome it"? (John 1:5) In what areas of your own life do you need to invite the light of Christ to shine?

The resurrection matters in our daily lives. How can you live this week in light of the hope of the resurrection?



Pray together.