

## **The Composition Small Group Guide**

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What has been one of your favorite songs over the past few months?
2. Have you ever skipped to the end of a book, show, or movie to see what happened before you finished reading or watching it?

**Read the following passage:** Psalm 107:1-32.

Psalm 107 declares: “Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story...” This song of testimony is a reminder to us that God is composing a song through each of our lives. Do we hear it? Are we letting anyone else hear it? Do we know it well enough to sing it? Do we even like the song God is writing? Even in our most painful moments, God is composing a masterpiece. “...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

### **Questions for Discussion:**

1. Psalm 107 tells the story of the lost (vs. 4-9), the bound (vs. 10-16), the rebellious (vs. 17-23), and the overwhelmed (vs. 24-32). In each case, the people “cried out to the Lord in their trouble,” and God saved them. Do you find your life falling into one of these categories right now? Explain. Where do you think you are in God's “writing process” for your life?
2. If we don't like the intro and first verse, it can be tempting to cut off a song 30-45 seconds before the hook/chorus comes in. Similarly, we may struggle with staying in God's process when we don't know the end result. What can we do to persevere in difficult seasons? How can we help others persevere when they are discouraged, disillusioned, or suffering?
3. Sometimes we may be hesitant to testify to others because we still see so many failures or unresolved issues in our lives. Why should we share our testimony with others even when things are not perfect? Do you find it difficult to do this? What are some ways your life might be a testimony of God's goodness?
4. Why do you think God allows us to experience painful seasons in our lives?
5. If you are a follower of Jesus, when did you begin following him? What led you to make this commitment? Do the people around you know that you are a follower of Jesus?
6. At the end of your life, what do you hope your life will proclaim to others? Is there something you can do in the present to work toward this goal?

**Pray**