Introduction

This weekend, Guest Speaker Ben Malcolmson shared his incredible story of obedience and faith. Today we will talk about how we can take steps of obedience to reflect the love of Jesus to others.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you felt like the underdog? What was that experience like for you?
- How did you serve others this week?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you from this weekend's teaching?

Watch the Video (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

- 1. When was a time you obeyed God, but it seemed like it didn't work?
- 2. What is your response to Ben's statement that "your presence is your purpose?"
- 3. Read <u>Matthew 5:14-16</u>.
 - What does Jesus say is our role as His followers?
 - What is the purpose of letting our light shine for others to see?
 - What are some specific actions you can take to reflect Jesus to people around you?
- 4. What is something God has been nudging you to do? Is there anything holding you back?
- 5. Take some time to pray for each person and the step God is asking them to take, big or small. You can use these words or your own words:

God, thank you for your nudges. Thank you that you have given us the opportunity to be a light to people around us so that You may be glorified. Jesus, we pray for (person's name) and the step of _____ you have asked him/her to take. Give him/her the courage to act, trusting the results to you. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

Prayer (5 minutes)

Pray for openness to sense God's nudges and the courage to obey him. Make a plan for how you will encourage one another and pray for each other throughout the week.