

# SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Week 1 “Why Does God Want Us to Follow the Cloud?”

Pastor Jeff Little, September 11-12, 2021

### TABLE TALK

- Select one or two “Table Talk” cards to discuss with your group.

### WARM UP

- What is a recent change that you've faced, and how did it affect you?

### INTRODUCTION

We're kicking off our Subject to Change study, and we're learning about Israel's wilderness journey. This week's message was about the cloud and the fire that led Israel on their way. Today, we will talk about the significance of the cloud and how it applies to us, especially during seasons of change.

### DISCUSSION

1. Read Nehemiah 9:19. What did the cloud and the fire symbolize for Israel?
2. Nehemiah 9:19 says that the “cloud *did not fail* to guide them on their path.” Why is that significant?
3. When life changes, we often default to our natural tendencies. Which one of these categories best describes you: (1) Fixer, (2) Processor, (3) Avoider, or (4) Complainer?
4. How quick are you to turn to God during seasons of change?
5. God never leaves us without direction, but we must want HIM more than His direction. Why is that?
6. Which do you want more in your life: God's direction or God's presence? Explain.
7. We get stuck when we stop following God. Have you ever felt stuck in life before? What happened?
8. God doesn't reveal the whole journey—he reveals one step at a time. What is difficult about that?
9. (Follow up question) God only reveals one step at a time. What is comforting about that?

### APPLICATION

Where are you at right now? Where is God leading you? What's your next step?

### PRAYER

- Pray for everyone to take next steps in following God and that everyone would seek God's presence.
- Pray for anyone who might feel stuck in their current season.
- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.

#### **Nehemiah 9:19 (NIV)**

Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. **By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.**