

# MASTERPIECE

## Week 1: Less Than Perfect

Readings: Is 60:1-6 | Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

### FOCAL POINT

God wants to use our less than perfect circumstances to help make us into what he is calling us to be. He uses those circumstances to make us into his masterpiece.

Let God finish the masterpiece he started when he created you. That involves surrendering to him and having a relationship with him built on trust. You have to trust him enough to let go of the brush. To have a relationship with God and his Son Jesus, you have to trust, and let go. Stop trying to be in control of every brushstroke. Let God be God. Let the Creator create. Let the master painter paint.

### SCRIPTURE

Read aloud from Isaiah 60:1-6. Then read aloud two more times. Ask the group what words or phrases jump out at them and why?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the current faith struggles that you are dealing with?
2. Share an experience from your past when faith in God was hard for you, one that you were able to overcome and push through.
3. What are some ways you can build trust in your relationship with God?
4. What benefits might you experience from "letting go of the brush" and trusting God?

### APPLICATION

Here is an idea for you. Ask God to help you decide on one resolution for this new year, something that involves him, the master painter. That way you allow him to paint the masterpiece that will be your life. Here is the key to manifesting the masterpiece God created you to be. Trust him enough to let go of the brush.