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JUST AS SUNLIGHT ILLUMINATES A SOLARIUM, SOULARIUM® OPENS A WINDOW TO THE SOUL.

Because images connect deeply with our emotions, they enable us to engage in meaningful conversations about life and God. With *Soularium*, you will discover just how easy and enjoyable it is to come alongside someone on their journey. We hope this Hawai'i version of Cru®'s *Soularium* resonates with you at a deep level!

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Everyone is on a spiritual journey. You can come alongside another person on their journey by exploring where they've been, where they are now, and where they're headed. Asking questions and genuinely listening can open a door to significant spiritual conversations about Jesus.

HOW TO BEGIN

- 1. Before using Soularium with others, answer the questions yourself. Share your answers with a friend.
- 2. Pray for God to open doors for significant conversations. See Colossians 4:2-6.
- Start a conversation—with anyone, anywhere! (Work, school, neighborhood...)

HOW TO INTRODUCE SOULARIUM

With a friend you might say:

Would you be willing to tell me about your spiritual journey sometime? I have a set of images that helps people share about their experiences.

With someone you don't know you might say:

I've got a set of images that help people share about their lives and spiritual journeys. It's called Soularium. Would you be willing to choose the images that describe your experiences?

If they ask: Why are you doing this?

I'm really interested in what matters to other people spiritually. Would you be willing to share about some of your experiences?

My church (or other group) wants to understand what people in our community desire in life and spirituality. Would you be willing to share about some of your experiences?

THE CONVERSATION

After your introduction, hand the set of images to the person and ask the questions. (See the QUESTIONS card at the back of the pack.) Allow them time to select their images. There's no rush. Then listen as they describe their choices. *IMPORTANT TIP! As you*

Then listen as they describe their choices. IMPORTANT TIP! As you listen, look for connections between their story and yours. What experiences and desires do you have in common?

WHAT YOU MIGHT SAY NEXT

Once the "official" questions are finished, simply ask permission to continue the conversation.

- » Well, that's the end of the questions. Thanks for telling me about your journey.
- » I was really intrigued when you said____. Will you tell me more about that?
- » Can I show you which image I chose for and why? (e.g. Which image I chose to describe God and why?)
- » You said that you wished life were (e.g. less stressful). I can relate to that. Can I share a little about how my relationship with God has helped me?
- » You said that you wished were true of your spiritual life. How have you tried to pursue that?
- » Can I share with you about my journey?
- » Can I share how God's story might relate to that?

MORE SOULARIUM IDEAS:

Other questions you could ask: What image represents your cultural background, what image represents love to you? Create your own version of Soularium using your own images that resonate with your life and where you're from.

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QUESTIONS

- 1. Which three images best represent your life right now? Why?
- 2. Which three images best represent what you WISH were true of your life right now? Why?
- 3. Which image would you choose to represent or describe God? (If they say "I'm a Buddhist" ask: Which image describes that?) Why? What does it say about God to you?
- 4. When you think about your spiritual life or journey, which image best represents what you wish were true?

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