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# Dear CHURCH,



## Episode 8: Pedro

### Discussion Guide

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**Episode 8: Pedro** begins on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles, but then takes us to the hospital. We meet Pedro, a pediatrician who was raised Seventh-day Adventist. As a child, Pedro was a gifted musician—but also burdened by a heavy secret. As an adult, he decided to begin sharing that secret, and step away from the church he once knew.

**STARTER** Before listening to Episode 8, take a moment to consider whether you've ever felt unwelcome or unworthy in the Church. What was that experience like?

**Question 1** After traveling and seeing new places, Pedro began to see the Church differently than he had as a child. [11:15] How would you say your view of the Church has shifted or changed since childhood?

**Question 2** Starting at 17:45, Pedro talks about the experience of sharing his secret with others. What do you think is the best way to support somebody who shares something personal? How would you say the Church has done in their “response”?

**Question 3** Pedro's mother, Jodhana, says at 27:13, “My love for my children is bigger than whatever religion or people will say.” What do you do when love and religion seem to be at odds? Have you ever seen that or experienced it yourself?

**BONUS** At 35:26, Pedro proposes that churches should be like cities, “where all the people that choose to be part of that space should feel welcomed and included.” What are your thoughts on this idea? Do you agree or disagree with Pedro?