



Life Group Guide

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I COMMUNITY (15 min.) Introduce yourselves

Friends! One thing I do consistently with friends that makes our friendship good is...
YIKES! My most annoying habit is... Who thinks this habit is annoying & why?

II DISCIPLESHIP

Big Idea: The WORD is Alive: As we spend regular time reading & studying God's Word, the Bible, we experience its LIVING power and purpose in our lives.

Key Scriptures —

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

"since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God." 1 Peter 1:23

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

As you listened, what thought did our Father impress upon you as to how to apply this message to your life? Why?

A. Message Discussion (50 min.) *Use bulletin message notes as you do this!*

God wants you to experience the Bible's power - Just read it!

Read the same portion of Scripture (a chapter) for 30 days.

Read a book (like John or Romans or Genesis) through for 30 days.

Share a time when you read through a segment/section of Scripture & how it helped.

God invites you to discover the Bible's message - You study it!

Instead of only listening to other people's thoughts, learn to study Scripture yourself.

What are the benefits of studying Scripture for yourself? How motivated are you?

Process of Discovery: 3 Step Bible Study Method YOU Can Do!

1. OBSERVATION—Answer the question: What do I see?

- A. Read the passage/verse in segments/phrases.
- B. Ask these questions: Who? What? Why? Where? When? How?
- C. Make simple statements about what you read.
- D. Note 4 communication keys (key terms, phrases, parts of speech, connectors...)

Practice some of these tools with **Joshua 1:8**

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.

For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

2. INTERPRETATION—Answer the question: What does this mean?

Write in one statement what you think Joshua meant when he wrote Joshua 1:8, using all your observational questions, statements and insights.

3. APPLICATION—Answer the question: So What? What does this mean for me?

Write one way you can apply this verse to your present situation in life.

C. Accountability & Prayer (30 min.) Pray for each other

Break into two smaller groups (men & women)

Share how you are doing with potentially addictive behaviors/temptations.

Share one thing you would like the group to pray for you this week.

III MISSIONAL LIVING (15 min.)

Rockpoint Reaching: Discuss how you as individuals and possibly as a Life Group can reach out to ‘Christians-to-be’ (people not Jesus followers yet) where you live, work and play. Pray for someone in your life you sense the Father drawing to Himself.

Rockpoint Missionary: Pray for your Rockpoint missionary.