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UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDY GUIDE

Here is a brief explanation of the features of this study guide.

CATCHING UP: You will open each meeting with an opportunity for everyone to check in with each other about how you are doing with the weekly assignments. Accountability is a key to success in this study!

KEY VERSE: Each week you will find a key verse or Scripture passage for your group to read together. If someone in the group has a different translation, ask that person to read it aloud so the group can get a bigger picture of the meaning of the passage.

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VIDEO LESSON: There is a video lesson for the group to watch together each week. Fill in the blanks in the lesson outlines as you watch the video, and be sure to refer back to these outlines during your discussion time.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS: Each video segment is complemented by several questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. There is no reason to rush through the answers. Give group members ample opportunity to share their thoughts. If you don't get through all of the discussion questions, that's okay.

LIVING ON PURPOSE: In his book, *The Purpose Driven® Life*, Rick Warren identifies God's five purposes for our lives. They are worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. We will focus on one of these purposes in each lesson, and discuss how they relate to the subject of the study. This section is very important, so please be sure to set aside time.

PRAYER DIRECTION: At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

A Tip for the Host

The study guide material is meant to be your servant, not your master. The point is not to race through the sessions, but to take time to let God work in your lives. It is not necessary to “go around the circle” before you move on to the next question. Give people the freedom to speak, but don’t insist on it or make it mandatory. Your group will enjoy deeper, more open sharing and discussion if people don’t feel pressured to speak.

HOW TO USE THIS VIDEO CURRICULUM

Follow these steps for a successful small group meeting:

- Open your group meeting by using the Catching Up sections of your study guide.
- Watch the video lesson together and follow along in the outlines in this study guide. Each video lesson is about fifteen minutes long.
- Complete the rest of the discussion materials for each session, including the Outline and Discovery Questions. Be sure to review the Living on Purpose section that discusses how God's five purposes for our lives relate

to the subject of the study. Commit to fulfilling any assignments before your next session.

- Close your time together by following the Prayer Direction suggestions.



SESSION 1

ABIDING: HOW TO GET ATTACHED

JOHN 15:1, 4–5

Catching Up

1. If this is your first time together as a group, take a moment to get to know each other. Besides names, job, and family, you might also ask where you were born.
2. What are you hoping to get out of this study?

Key Verse

“I am the vine; you are the branches.”

JOHN 15:5 (NIV)

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John 15:1, 4-5



Watch the video lesson now and take notes in the outline. Refer back to the outline during your group discussion.

John 15 is about three relationships:

- Our relationship with Jesus: Abide in Christ
- Our relationship with one another: Love One Another
- Our relationship with the world: Tell About Me

Jesus had a word for a satisfying, significant life: _____

Jesus showed us the way to a fruitful life: _____

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.”

JOHN 15:1 (NIV)

The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the house of Israel.

ISAIAH 5:7a (NIV)

When you recognize the truth about who you are, you are able to live the life that God wants you to live.

- God is the _____ .
- Jesus is the _____ .
- I am a _____ .

“I am the vine; you are the branches.”

JOHN 15:5 (NIV)

SESSION 1: ABIDING

John 15:1, 4-5

A key to growth: _____
_____ !

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

JOHN 15:4-5 (NIV)

Remain: _____ !

We live a life of _____ .

The question is . . .

Where am I drawing my life from right now?



SESSION 1: ABIDING

John 15:1, 4-5

Living on Purpose: WORSHIP

Through this week, take at least one idea that you've learned from your group and use it in your daily connection with Christ. To prompt your thinking, some of the ideas that other groups have suggested are:

- A daily devotional time of prayer and Bible reading
- Taking a Sabbath day to focus on God
- Journaling your thoughts and prayers to God
- Placing cards with Scripture where you will see them throughout the day
- Praying the first few minutes of the day when you get in the car, etc.

Prayer Direction

Have someone pray a prayer of thanksgiving for God as the gardener and Jesus as our vine.

Pray for each other's requests.

