

HOW TO USE THIS GROUP GUIDE

CONNECT (10 MINS)

- Pick one or more of the warm-up questions and have all the group members give a response to the question(s).
- Make sure everybody gets a chance to speak. Don't let talkative people dominate the conversation, but graciously welcome everybody to participate.

TRUTH (15-20 MIN)

- Read the scriptures and paragraphs in this section to clearly communicate what the Bible says about the week's topic.
- **"DISCUSS" sections:** These sections get people discussing the practical implications of the truth being discussed. Have one or two people give an answer, but don't spend too much time on these questions.

GRACE (5 MINS)

- Read the grace scripture and section which shows how the passage points to Jesus Christ and God's grace.
- This section is really important, because it shows that life change begins with the grace of God and not our own efforts.

CHANGE (10-15 MINS)

- Have everyone give an answer to each of the change questions.
- Take a good amount of time here. Really encourage people to think through how they can practically put truth into action.

PRAYER (10-15 MINS)

- Read through the prayer focus points and have one or two people in the group pray.
- Make sure not to rush through prayer. The things we want God to change in our lives will often happen through prayer.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN (2 MINS)

- This final portion aims to get people reading the Bible for themselves and thinking about engaging others with the gospel.



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Week Two
Abiding with God

Connect

*BREAK THE ICE AND
GET PEOPLE TALKING*

- How do you spend time with God?
- What prevents you from spending time with God?

Truth

UNDERSTAND AND DISCUSS
THE SCRIPTURE'S MEANING

This week, we're in the second part of our series *With God*.

This week, we'll be listening to Jesus' final speech to his disciples before his crucifixion, learning what it means to abide with God, and that *we must abide in Christ to experience true life*.

ABIDING WITH CHRIST

READ: John 15:1-11

DISCUSS: What does it mean to abide with Christ?

Christ is calling his disciples to remain *faithful*; "if you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love."

EXPERIENCING TRUE LIFE

READ: John 15:5-11

DISCUSS: What happens as we abide in Christ?

As we abide in Christ, he gives us not just eternal life, but fruitfulness and joy.

Grace

SEE HOW THE PASSAGE CONNECTS TO JESUS

READ: John 15:11, slowly.

What does this passage tell you about what Christ wants for you?

Change

*APPLY THE PASSAGE TO OUR
THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND ACTIONS*

- How could prayer, meditation, or fasting deepen your time with God?
- What do you desire enough to drive you deeper into your relationship with God?

Prayer

RESPOND TO THE PASSAGE IN PRAYER

- Thank God for the joy and life that His Son's presence brings.
- Ask God to meet you in your time together this week.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you spent time with God consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're bringing Christ to?



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