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HOST'S GUIDE

This study guide is here to help you lead a fun and transformative eGroup study over the next few weeks that will see each person progress and grow. Use this guide, along with the DVDs and weekly Study Guides, for a life-changing, interactive experience.

BEFORE YOU MEET:

- Ask God to prepare the hearts and minds of the people in your eGroup. Ask Him to show each of you how to apply what you learn to your own heart to see growth and to move forward.
- Preview the DVD and read through the study guide for that week. Think about what you might answer for each question. Make notes in your study guide if you want to.

SETTING UP:

- Take time before everyone arrives to prepare some snacks to share with everyone, set up the room you will use, check that there are enough seats, and try to create a relaxed and comfortable environment to meet in. You might want to play music quietly to create a relaxed atmosphere when everyone arrives, or move the furniture in your living room to make the space inviting.
- Have a Bible handy for verses that you might want to look up during discussion.

HOW TO HOST YOUR GATHERING AND USE YOUR STUDY GUIDE:

ENGAGE: Welcome each person as they arrive. Spend time chatting, getting to know one another, or just sharing about the week. Your relationships as a group are as important as the time you spend watching the DVD or in discussion. A relaxed and friendly environment is an easy place to learn and hear from God.

RECAP: After the first session you may wish to spend a bit of time each week recapping how your last seven days has been, inviting members to share any opportunities they had throughout the week to apply what they learned and how their individual activation went.

WATCH: After you have spent some time engaging with each other watch the DVD for the week.

DISCUSS: Read out each question in the study guide, allowing time for everyone to share their thoughts or experiences if they desire.

When a question arises, ask the group for their input, and resist the urge to answer it yourself straight away. Your primary role is to create an environment where people feel comfortable to be themselves and participate, not to provide all the answers to all of their questions. Don't be afraid of silence as participants think of their response to the questions.

Remember, the goal is not necessarily to 'get through' all of the questions. The main priority is for each person to learn and engage in dynamic discussion.

PRAY: Ask the group to pray for each other from week to week, especially about key issues that arise during your discussion time. This is how you begin to build authentic relationship, and encourage spiritual growth within the group.

ACTIVATE: As a group, read out and talk about the action in the study guide for that week. Decide together to commit to doing this action during the week to help you each grow and engage with God individually.





SUGGESTED TIME FRAMES FOR YOUR GATHERING:

ENGAGE: 15 minutes

RECAP: 10 minutes

WATCH: 10 minutes

DISCUSS: 30 minutes

PRAY: 5-10 minutes

ACTIVATE: 5 minutes

(Please note that these are just suggested times, you may wish to take longer in certain areas. However, we do recommend keeping your gathering to a maximum of one and a half hours in consideration of others' time)

KEYS TO A DYNAMIC EGROUP

Relationships: Meaningful, encouraging relationships are the foundation of a dynamic eGroup. Discussion and prayer are important elements of a gathering, but the depth of each part is often dependent upon the depth of the relationships between members.

Availability: Building a sense of community within your group requires members to prioritise their relationships with one another. This means being available to listen, care for one another, and meet each other's needs.

Mutual Respect: Mutual respect is shown when members value others' opinions (even when they disagree) and are careful to never belittle or embarrass others in the group (including their spouses, who may or may not be present).

Openness: A healthy group environment encourages sincerity and transparency. Members treat each other with grace in areas of weakness, allowing each other room to grow.

Confidentiality: To develop authenticity and a sense of safety within the group, each member must be able to trust that things discussed within the group will not be shared outside the group.

Shared Responsibility: Group members will share the responsibility of gatherings by using their God-given abilities to serve at each meeting. Some may greet, some may prepare food, some may pray, etc. Ideally, each person should be available to care for one another as needed.

Sensitivity: Dynamic eGroups are born when the leader consistently seeks and is responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, following His leading throughout the meeting as opposed to sticking to the “agenda”. This is especially important during the discussion and prayer time.

Fun!

Dynamic gatherings take the time to have fun! Create an atmosphere for fun, and be willing to laugh at yourself every now and then!



HONOUR UNLOCKS MIRACLES

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other

WATCH: Watch Session One of the DVD

KEY THOUGHT: What we honour, we receive from.

DISCUSS:

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.
He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Mark 6:4-6

Honour means to 'value, esteem, or give weight to' something. Honouring God shows that we value Him. When we truly value God and what He says, we will not disregard it, but rather, believe and hope for what we cannot see.

Question One: What are some of the ways we show God Honour?

Jesus was not honoured in his home town because people grew familiar with him as a local. Sometimes we find it difficult to honour certain people because we get caught up in the vessel, and don't look at the treasure inside.

Question Two: Why should we aim to recognise the gold in every believer, and honour others without favouritism?

Ps Russell explains that 'what you honour you receive from'.

Question Three: With this in mind, why is it so important to believe what Jesus says by obeying His word?

When we do not believe what God has told us, often we do not receive our miracle or promise. We only receive these things through faith.

Question Four: What are some potential barriers that could stop you believing for your breakthrough?

Honour unlocks faith. When we hear the word and believe that it is specifically for US even in a corporate environment instead of just shrugging it off as for someone else, we then have something to hope for and believe in. This generates expectation and faith.

Question Five: What is something specific that God has promised to you?

PRAY: Read John 14:26 and pray for the Holy Spirit to remind you of any forgotten promises that God may have given you.

ACTIVATE: As God reveals his promises to you this week, declare them in faith and share your revelation with another person in your egroup who can honour the word and believe with you.



DON'T GIVE UP

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other

WATCH: Watch Session Two of the DVD

KEY THOUGHT: This week we are looking at holding on to hope even when circumstances make God look like He isn't going to follow through on a promise.

DISCUSS:

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1

It is important to see obstacles to our breakthrough as opportunities to exercise faith, rather than reasons to exercise doubt. In dark times, we must not stop, turn back or give up on a word God spoke to us in the light. The darkness is a part of the process.

Question One: When difficulties arise that are contrary to what God has spoken to us, how do you react?

The woman with the issue of blood in Luke 8 was prepared to be arrested and push through opposing crowds relentlessly in order to touch Jesus and receive her miracle. She valued Jesus this much. That honour released faith, and she was healed.

Question Two: Give an example of a time where you have taken a risk or pushed through opposition, then received a miracle and encountered the faithfulness of God.

When we position ourselves to be in a place of worship, prayer and focus on the presence of God, it creates an environment of honour, and consequently we start thinking and seeing like God. Being influenced by God in this environment unlocks an 'I believe' attitude when facing problems here on earth.

Question Three: When was a time that God changed your mind about a problem you were facing? What kind of environment were you in?

Ps Russell says "You walk towards what you give weight to." If you concentrate on disappointment, you give weight to disappointment, and therefore experience more disappointment. We can honour what the devil says about our future, or we can honour what God says and release that into our future.

Question Four: What do you give weight to that is unfruitful? What could you concentrate on instead of this?

Jesus could not heal in His home town because of their unbelief. They didn't value or give weight to who He was, and could not receive what He carried. When we dishonour God and give up on a promise, we miss out on the breakthrough just like Jesus' home town did.

Question Five: What is something amazing that God has promised you would see or receive in your lifetime?

PRAY: As a group pray for the things God has promised to unlock and bring into the lives of those in your group and community.

ACTIVATE: Write down three personal challenges you're facing, or miracles you're currently believing for. Take time to intentionally focus on and declare the Lord's promises for these things this week.



HONOUR UNLOCKS THE KINGDOM

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other

WATCH: Watch Session Three of the DVD

KEY THOUGHT: The church operates in a culture of honour, this looks different to how the world operates.

DISCUSS:

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

Romans 12:10

When we honour one another as well as what God says about something there is unity and order. This unlocks Kingdom Culture and establishes it on earth. As we honour Ps Sam’s corporate vision for our church family together, we release something we could never achieve on our own.

Question 1: What are some ways that we honour Ps Sam’s vision for Equippers Church on a Sunday?

In the Trinity each triune part has their own expression as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but they are united as one. God gives each person a unique vision, declaration and touch. This is an individual expression that has been strategically designed by God to complement and combine with the people around us.

Question 2: What is something unique about you that makes you different to everybody else around you?

The Church operates in a way of honour, which is opposite to the culture of the world. The world uses manipulation, intimidation and control to get what they want. Honour is not control. Honour itself breaks down control.

Question 3: How could you use honour to influence and breakdown a control culture in your current workplace or family?

In the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15, God himself teaches us that when we honour people we celebrate who they are. By doing this, rather than focussing on who they aren't, we value them and draw out the greatness inside of them.

Question 4: Think about the way the father honours the son. How does this reflect God's fatherly love for us? Have you ever experienced the love of God in a similar way?

PRAY: Get into pairs and pray that God would reveal his love to each person in a greater way. Prophesy and call out the greatness in one another.

ACTIVATE: Unlock kingdom Culture by honouring the uniqueness of someone in your world outside of church this week.



HONOUR UNLOCKS MULTIPLICATION

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other

WATCH: Watch Session Four of the DVD

KEY THOUGHT: Honouring what someone has authority in unlocks multiplication and releases generations.

DISCUSS:

“I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12: 2-3

When we honour what a person carries, we release their gift and receive what they carry. This multiplication is the result of authority and honour coming together. We see this multiplication in some of Jesus’ miracles.

Question One: Can you give an example of where in the Bible honour and authority have come together to release multiplication in Jesus ministry?

God is a provider, but he anoints those who have authority in a certain area to release the Kingdom through their lives.

Question Two: What is an area in your life that you feel you have authority in?

Anointing starts at the head and flows down to be released in the body as it is honoured. When we honour the God given anointing on Ps Sam’s life and the vision of Equippers that is preached on Sunday we receive an impartation from God, and can then carry that anointing and authority into our homes, schools and workplaces throughout the week.

Question Three: Give an example of a time you received an impartation from something you heard at Church and how it impacted your week.

God is a God of generations. Generational blessing and authority continues down the line through Honour. In Genesis 12 God gave Abraham a promise that he would be the father of nations. As the generations that followed him honoured the promise on his life it began to multiply in their time.

Question Four: What is a promise from God or something you have authority in, that you will pass onto the next generation?

For us to live in multiplication we need to honour environments of encounter and pursue God, while being aware that a previous generation created breakthrough for us. When each generation honours the anointing on the generation before them as well as the anointing on their own generation, they create movement.

Question Five: In what way have relationships you have with Christians in the generation before yours made a difference and imparted authority into certain areas of your life?

PRAY: Pray together as a group for those in the older generation above you and the younger generation below you.

ACTIVATE: Discuss what was imparted to us during the sermon at church on Sunday. How can we honour this word in a practical way during the week?

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