

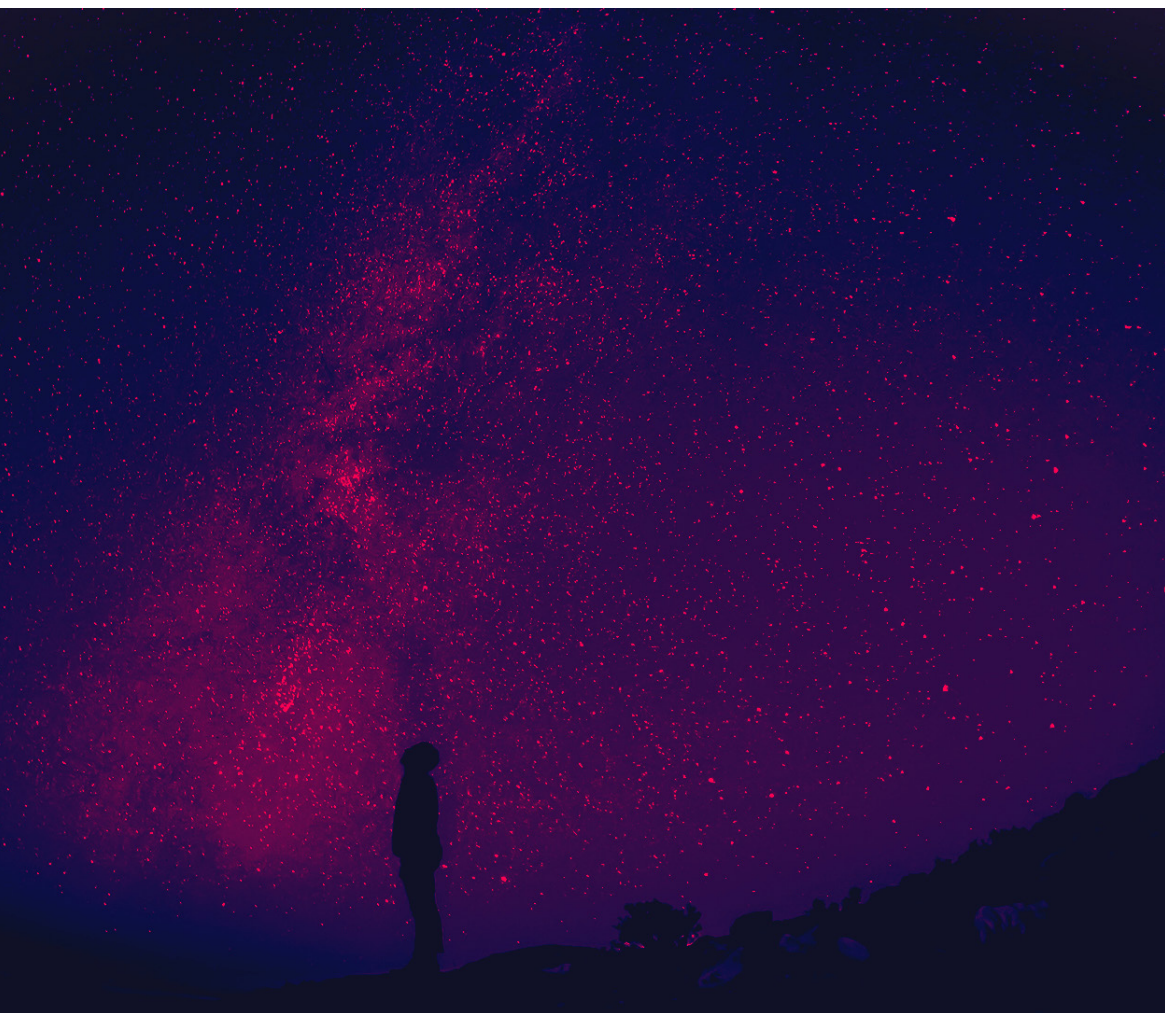
The background of the entire poster is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous small white stars. A prominent, vibrant red nebula or star trail streaks diagonally across the center of the image, starting from the bottom and reaching towards the top. At the base of this red streak, a small, dark silhouette of a person stands on a rocky outcrop, looking up at the sky. The overall mood is contemplative and cosmic.

THE CALL

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

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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.

KEY THOUGHT: This is the main takeaway for the week. Use it as a guide to frame your discussion.

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

ICEBREAKER: You may wish to use this light icebreaker question to get everyone talking before delving into deeper discussion.

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!

WEEK ONE

WHERE DOES IT ALL START?

KEY THOUGHT: In the process of knowing Jesus, we get to know ourselves, which then helps us to know our purpose for life. **To be in a relationship with Jesus is our primary purpose for life.** It all starts there.

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other.

WATCH: Watch Session One of the video.

ICEBREAKER: Ps Jordan said *"No one is born knowing what they're here for"*. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

DISCUSS:

Key Verse:

*"Jesus went up on a mountainside and **called** to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might **be with him** and that he might send them out to preach"*

Mark 3:13-14

In Mark 3, before Jesus told people to go out and change the world He called them to be with him. Jesus had His priorities straight.

Question 1: How does it make you feel to know that God primarily wants us to *"be with him"*, rather than to do something?

It's important that before we do anything we understand that we are something. Ephesians 2:10 describes us as God's masterpiece, created for good works.

Question 2: How does understanding that you are a masterpiece and created for good works affect your daily life?

SOCIAL MEDIA EXERCISE: If you haven't already, pull up your Facebook profile and from the last ten photos get the others in the group to caption your life.

Rick Warren once said, *"You didn't create yourself so you can't tell yourself what you were created for, only God can do that"*. The social media exercise shows us that often those around us can't tell us either!

Question 3: Why is it so important to listen to what God says about you, rather than what you think or the opinions of those around you?

What Jesus says is the truth, not what other people think of us or what we think other people think of us. So it's vital we get to know Him more.

Question 4: What are some of the ways we get to know the architect, Jesus?

The Great Commandment tells us to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. This comes before the Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples.

Question 5: Why do you think God wants us to first focus on knowing Him?

PRAY: Pray for each other that over the next five weeks God would show you what you were created for more clearly.

ACTIVATE: Take time aside each day this week to get to know your creator better, through prayer and reading the word.

WEEK TWO

OUR CALL TO MISSION

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other.

KEY THOUGHT:

We all have a role to play in the Great Commission. Short term mission plays a part in this and can also bring a shift in how we interact with our world on a daily basis.

WATCH: Watch session two of the video.

ICEBREAKER: Where have you travelled to that has the most different culture to your own?

DISCUSS:

Key Verse:

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

The Great Commission was given to us all and every single person has a role to play in changing the world. Ps. Sam said that in the process of going you discover what your purpose is.

Question 1: Why do you think God often wants us to start moving before He directs us?

Ps Jordan said *"You can't know God outside of mission...mission is part of our relationship with God."* You're not just doing mission **for** God but doing it **with** God.

Question 2: How have you got to know God more through doing mission with Him?

Ps Esther shared a testimony of going to university to be the best **for** the world. Often we want me time, so we can feel better about ourselves. But when our motivation is to serve God and the person next to us we find real purpose in it, and as a result it helps us too.

Question 3: Think back to Esther's testimony. When was a time you did something that was for God and fitted your 'shape'? How did that feel?

A paradigm shift is a change in how you see the whole world.

Question 4: When did you last have a moment of revelation like that, and what brought about the change? How can we position ourselves for a paradigm shift?

Individually we are not a big deal in the world, but we do each have a role to play. The world's huge, so we've got to release every Christian.

Question 5: Where can you stretch yourself to engage in mission? What small adjustments can you make that could be a catalyst for change?

PRAY: Ask God to show you your part to play in the Great Commission, and that He would give you a paradigm shift so that you see your world more like He does.

ACTIVATE: You don't have to go overseas to engage in mission, consider how you can engage in mission this week in your everyday life.

WEEK THREE

OUR CAREER CALL

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other.

KEY THOUGHT: We spend a lot of time on our career. Where's God in the middle of it? God wants us to find purpose and meaning in our everyday life.

WATCH: Watch session three of the video.

ICEBREAKER: We're talking about careers today. What's something small that you like about what you do during the week?

DISCUSS:

Key Verse:

"..whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God"

1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV

In the Bible, God used Daniel and Lydia in their vocations for kingdom purposes.

Question 1: Do you see your 'secular', or 'ordinary', life as separate from your 'spiritual' life? What are the dangers of doing this?

Sometimes when we think about mission we see the pastor as the star of the show and the congregation as playing a less significant role.

Question 2: Who are the real stars of the show, and how does the pastor's role fit into this?

Ps Esther shared how when she realised that her mountain was arts rather than church then she entered into a new sense of purpose.

Question 3: Have you done something that's really resonated with you and given you a sense of satisfaction or purpose?

We're all going to have to give an account of our lives and what we've done with what we've been given. Ephesians 2:10 says that God has good works planned for us to do.

Question 4: We spend so much of our time at work, but all want to find real meaning in our everyday lives. So what's God's purpose in our work? Do you know God's call in your career?

Each one of us will have a specific mountain to take based upon our past experience, gifts, talents and current circumstances. Finding out what mountain we're called to is a journey of discovery and may take time.

Question 5: How can you be a good steward of what God has given you and where He's placed you? Is there a mountain you feel called to?

PRAY: Pray that God would help you find real meaning in your everyday life. Ask that he would show you how you can advance his kingdom in the sphere you're called to.

ACTIVATE: This week, ask others what mountain they feel called to and meet up with someone that shares the same one as you to discuss how you could influence that sphere with positive change.

WEEK FOUR

OUR CALL TO COMMUNITY

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other.

KEY THOUGHT: The richness of our lives is found in our relationships, both with God and with one another.

WATCH: Watch session four of the video.

ICEBREAKER: Who is your oldest friend, and how long have you known them?

DISCUSS:
Key Verse:

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13:35 NLT

Our love for one another should be so strong that people look on and realise God must be real. This is not love in our own strength, it's miraculous!

Question 1: What does this miraculous love look like, and how can we make it happen?

Ps Jordan explained that when we invite someone to church, we're not inviting them to watch a show but into a group of relationships.

Question 2: What is different and significant for the person coming in, that they're part of a body rather than being a spectator?

We often say, *"Church is a whole lot of friends challenging one another to go higher in God"*.

Question 3: Share a time when this was true in your life.

Significant ministry flows out of significant relationship. We know that good relationships are important but often things stop us from building them.

Question 4: How do you build significant relationships in your life? What can sometimes get in the way?

The richness of our lives is found in our relationships, both with God and with one another. Hebrew 10:25 says, *"let us not neglect our meeting together"*. It's important we prioritise it, even when it's hard.

Question 5: How are you prioritising community in your life? Are there things that are causing distance in your relationships?

PRAY: Ask God to help you prioritise community in your life and help you to be vulnerable with those close to you.

ACTIVATE: Arrange to meet up with someone this week that you don't see as much as you'd like, and be purposeful about getting to know them on a deeper level.

WEEK FIVE

OUR CALL TO SERVE

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other.

KEY THOUGHT: Serving is the operating system of the kingdom of God, and the way to greatness is through serving.

WATCH: Watch session five of the video.

ICEBREAKER: We're talking about greatness today. Who are some people you think are great?

DISCUSS:

Key Verse:

*"In your relationships with one another, **have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he **humbled** himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God **exalted** him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name."*

Philippians 2:5-9 NLT

Ps Jordan said, "Serving isn't the things we do, it's an attitude as well. If you don't have the attitude of a server, then you do the thing but it's not serving."

Question 1: What does it mean to have the attitude of a servant?

God wants us to be great and rule our mountains. As stewards of our lives we should aspire to greatness, but the way to greatness is to be servant of all.

Question 2: Do we see aspiring to greatness as a good thing in church?

As part of a house we all contribute something, depending on what kind of job we have outside the house. Meaning comes from playing a role as part of the community and it helps us take ownership of what we're a part of.

Question 3: Is this the same in God's house? What reasons can you think of to serve in church?

God gives us positions, but he gives them as a place for us to serve. It's through serving that we find our significance and a sense of value, but often people aspire to a position.

Question 4: What's the problem with aspiring to a position? Does it help us find the purpose and meaning that we desire?

God saves us but also calls us for a purpose. It's through serving that we find what we're on earth for. Serving opens doors.

Question 5: What are some different ways you can serve within the context of church and your workplace?

PRAY: Pray that each other would find a sense of purpose and meaning in a place of service, both in church and in their workplace.

ACTIVATE: If you're not in an eTeam already pray about where you could serve in church. But don't just leave it there, sign up to DNA on Sunday and join the team.

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