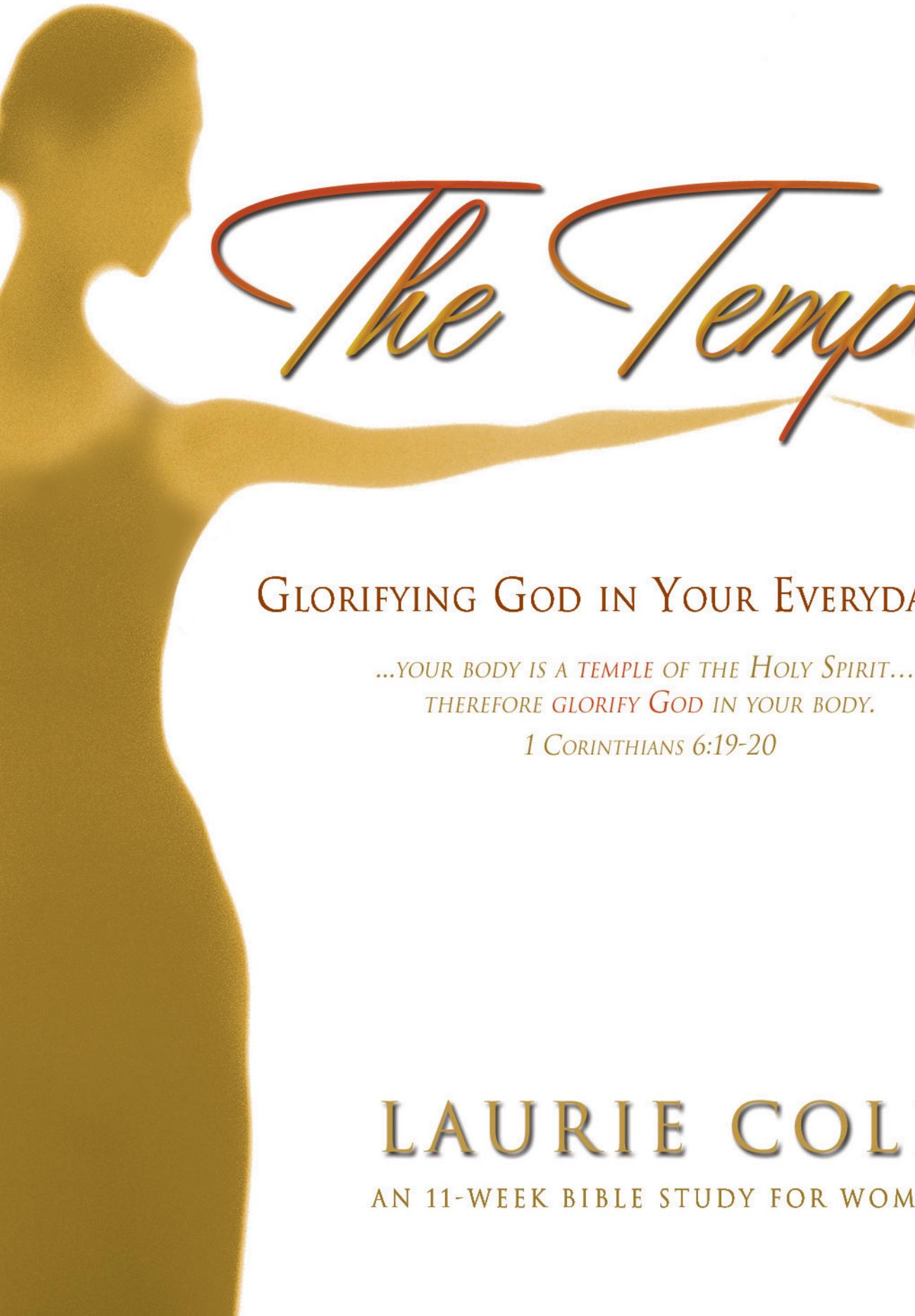


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Letter to Small Group Leaders

My dear sister,

Thank you for leading a small group. I pray this leader guide will bless and benefit you as you plan and lead your weekly sessions.

But you and I both know that your small group discussions won't always unfold as neatly as the weekly plans in this leader guide do. Someone in your group will say or share something, and the Holy Spirit will prompt you to respond or to ask a question that isn't printed anywhere in this leader guide. Something unexpected will happen to someone in your group, and the Holy Spirit will lead you to reach out to that person in a unique way that's not included on the following pages.

My greatest desire, therefore, is that you will be a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led small group leader. Yes, you should thoroughly complete your Bible study homework and be prepared to lead the discussion each week. And yes, you should cover the homework and use your discussion time wisely. But as you study, prepare, and lead your group, I pray that you will also be a sensitive, empowered, obedient, Spirit-filled leader.

Over 20 years ago, I attended my first small group Bible study. Georgia Kern was my small group leader. She was an ordinary, everyday woman, but she had an extraordinary impact upon my life. Georgia was full of the Lord, and His power was obvious in her life. She glowed—she glorified God. My life was forever changed through that study she led.

Soon you'll begin leading your small group. Don't worry if you're not a Bible scholar or a theologian with a seminary degree. Georgia wasn't. Just follow her example, and "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). I know firsthand how mightily God can use a woman like that.

Thanking God for you and for all the Georgias just like you,

Your sister,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie".

Study and Leader Goals

The goals of this study are:

- 1) To enable others to study the Bible and to encounter God through the pages of His Word in a life-changing way.
- 2) To encourage others to become spiritually sensitive and responsive to the work of the Holy Spirit as they apply God's Word to their lives.
- 3) To equip others so that they will grow in grace, knowledge, and intimacy with God.

The homework each week will include opportunities for students to experience Bible study in a "hands-on," in-depth way. However, the homework also will include opportunities for students to journal the spiritual insights and applications they have received from the Holy Spirit. As a result, students will not only grow in their knowledge and understanding of God and His Word, but they also will grow in grace, sensitivity, and intimacy with the Lord.

Goals for Small Group Leaders

The goals of the small group leader are:

- 1) To facilitate a scripture-based discussion from the weekly Bible study homework.
- 2) To facilitate a Hebrews 10:24 environment so that group members may share and encourage one another to grow in their relationship with the Lord and to apply His Word to their lives.

"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds."

—Hebrews 10:24

Leading Your Small Group

1. Your discussion each week should be focused on the two primary goals given to you on page v.
2. As you meet with your group each week, strive to establish a comfortable atmosphere in which your members will feel free to share what they have studied and learned. Your group discussion should be enjoyable and conversational and not formal or restrained. **NOTE: The following is a personal note from Laurie:**

I think the best way to describe the type of discussion I pray you will have is to give you a personal illustration from my own life. Years ago, when I was in my mid-twenties, my husband, Bill, and I were in music evangelism with my brother, Jay, and his wife, Karen. We traveled from church to church (taking our toddlers and pulling our travel trailers behind us) many months each year.

Karen and I, of course, saw each other daily. As we were together, watching our children playing or cooking together, we would often share with one another what the Lord was doing in our lives. We shared what we were learning from God's Word, from Christian books we read, and from our prayer and quiet time. These conversations were sweet, mutually enriching, and deeply beneficial for both of us. As we opened up and shared the intimate ways in which God was moving in our hearts and lives, we experienced true fellowship.

*As I have grown older, I have come to recognize that the kind of fellowship Karen and I enjoyed is rare—and precious. That is the kind of fellowship I long for you to experience in your small groups each week, and...that is the kind of fellowship I believe **all** Christian women desire.*

Think of your discussion time as a **group conversation** where everyone has the opportunity to share freely the ways they are experiencing and encountering God through His Word. Let it be a time of honesty, enthusiasm and encouragement.

3. As you lead your small group and ask questions from the leader guide, please do not give them the exact question and page number. You want to encourage them to *restate* not *repeat* what they have written in their homework. The discussion should take them to the next “level of learning”— to be able to restate what they have learned and not to solely depend upon a rote answer they have already written in their workbook. Unless they are unresponsive or directly ask you for the question and page number, try to keep their “heads out of their workbooks.” Of course, they need to follow along *with* their workbooks, and they will be looking for what they've written. But, please encourage them not to read their answers verbatim from their workbooks and not to limit themselves to sharing only what they've written.
4. Be an example of a sincere and eager student of God's Word. Openly and honestly, share what God is doing in your own heart. You are “the leader,” but please seek to be transparent, genuine, and real in your leadership.
5. Assure your group that the discussion will be totally voluntary. Let them know you will not call on anyone to share or to pray aloud. Encourage them, though, to freely share as they feel led but also to be sensitive and not dominate the discussion either.
6. Ask your group to respect the boundaries of your group discussion. Tell them they are not to repeat personal information other group members have shared in the weekly discussion time with anyone outside of the group.

7. Encourage your group to complete their weekly Bible study homework. But assure them that no one will see or “check” their homework. Also, encourage them to attend the discussion even if they are unable to complete their homework.
8. Your group will appreciate it if you will **monitor and use your time wisely. Each week, begin and end your group on time.**
9. Most importantly, *be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.* If your group gets off track from the questions you have chosen from the leader guide, but you sense the Lord is leading the discussion in another way, let Him lead!
10. Finally, if someone in your group is hurting or, perhaps, has spiritual questions or needs, please go to them privately and let them know of your concern for them. Offer to listen, share scripture, and pray with them. If needed, you also may offer to assist them in seeking Christian counsel from a minister or Christian counselor.

Preparing to Lead Your Small Group

1. As a leader, the most important preparation you will do is to keep your heart and life spiritually cleansed and pure so that you will be “an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work” (2 Timothy 2:21). Before you can lead others effectively, you must continually allow the Holy Spirit unhindered access to your heart and be sensitive, responsive, and obedient to His leadership in your own life.
2. Pray for your group members faithfully and diligently throughout the study. Each time you meet with your group, you will ask them to share their prayer requests. Please be diligent to pray over these requests throughout the week. Also, please be sensitive to intercede for your group members as the Holy Spirit brings them to your heart. Ask Him how to pray for them, and you will find your prayers going beyond the requests they have shared with you in class.
Let your group members know of your prayers and concern for them by writing them a note or by sending them an encouraging email as the Lord leads you.
3. Thoroughly complete your Bible study homework each week. Be cautious, however, not to get caught up in just the “doing” of your homework. Each day you study, ask the Lord to do a fresh work in your life. Respond each day to His Word as He leads you.
4. After you have completed your own week’s study, read through the leader guide for that lesson noting the following:
 - a. **The weekly goal(s) stated for that lesson.** These goals are to help you keep the small group time focused and “on target.” You should not state the goal(s) at the beginning of your share time, but you may want to use them as you “wrap up” and bring your small group time to a conclusion each week.
 - b. **The questions given for that lesson.** Customize your discussion by asking the Lord to show you which questions to use in your discussion. Check the boxes beside each question you feel led to include in your small group time.

NOTE: The box beside the closing question on each Leader Guide has already been checked because you will always want to use this question to close your small group time.

5. You also may find it helpful to determine how much time you plan to spend on each question you have chosen. If so, make a note beside the questions you have chosen of the specific time you plan to spend on each one. You may choose to spend more time on some questions than you do on others.
6. Finally, claim the following scriptures and rest in God's promises to you as you lead your small group. You may even want to post one or more these scriptures on your refrigerator or near the place where you do your weekly small group preparation to serve as a source of constant encouragement to you:

*I am the vine; you are the branches.
If a man remains in Me and I in him,
he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.*

—John 15:5

*Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were
wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.
But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;
God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.
He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are
not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him.
It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, Who has become for us
Wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.
Therefore, as it is written: 'Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.'*

—1 Corinthians 1:26-31

*But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in
weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's
power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in
hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

—2 Corinthians 12:9-10

I can do everything through (Christ) Who gives me strength.

—Philippians 4:13

Faithful is He that calleth you, Who also will do it,

—1 Thessalonians 5:24 (KJV).

The Temple: INTRODUCTORY WEEK

- GOALS:**
- * To allow your group members to get to know you.
 - * To enable the group members to get to know one another.
 - * To prepare them for their first week of homework.
 - * To introduce them to the topic of our study (how to glorify God through their lives, God's temple).
 - * To help them begin to recognize and see themselves as temples of God.

LEADER PREPARATION:

1. Pray, pray, pray for those who will be in your group. Ask God to prepare a Hebrews 10:24 environment as you meet together with your group for the very first time.
2. Complete your Week One homework.
3. Make a list of the information you'll need to share with your group during your first week together (weekly schedule/format, small group guidelines, homework requirements, your phone number/email address, etc.).
4. On the table of contents page of *The Temple* workbook, beside each week's lesson, write the date each lesson will be discussed in your small group. You'll give these dates to your small group members when you meet with them during the introductory week.
5. Gather half-sheets of paper for each member of your group. You'll bring these with you to use during your first small group discussion.
6. Take time to look through your workbook to get an overview of the study and to become familiar with the topics and layout of the study. You may want to make some notes so that you can give your group members a concise overview and description of the study.
7. Review the Small Group Time instructions listed below. Make a few brief notes of your own personal answers to questions 2–4. If your group is reluctant to share during the discussion time, you will be prepared to share your own personal thoughts which will encourage them to be open and share as well.

SMALL GROUP TIME:

1. INTRODUCTION AND INFORMATION (10–15 minutes):
 - a. Share a little information about yourself with your group, then ask your group members to introduce themselves briefly. **NOTE: Keep this brief. They'll share more about themselves during the discussion time.**
 - b. Share information about the weekly schedule, homework, and any other necessary information with your group.
 - c. Ask your group members to open their workbooks, and then guide them through the weekly format for each lesson (each week's lesson is broken into five days of homework; a listening guide is provided for the weekly lecture, etc.).
 - d. Ask your group members to turn to the table of contents page in their workbooks. Give them the specific dates that each week's lesson will be discussed in your small group, and instruct them to write the correct date beside each lesson. This will help them to keep up with the study and will prevent any possible confusion especially if they're unable to attend small group for a week or more.

NOTE: This is also a good time to encourage them to attend small group even if they fall behind in doing their homework or even if they're unable to complete it.

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2. DISCUSSION (30-35 minutes):

- a. Begin your discussion by giving each group member a half-sheet of paper, and ask them to write out a very brief description of themselves using a series of descriptive words and phrases that best describe who they are, their personality, their “titles,” their interests, their likes and dislikes, etc. Encourage them to have fun with this, and tell them there are no right or wrong answers. Example: Mom, schoolteacher, people person, allergic-to-housework, artist, city girl, Mexican food fanatic, etc. Give them a little time to complete this assignment.
- b. Ask everyone to share the descriptions they’ve just written with the group. This should be a light-hearted time of getting to know one another better.
- c. Have them to turn in their Bibles to 1 Corinthians 6:19–20. Let them know that this is the key passage for our study of *The Temple*. Ask several group members with different translations of the Bible to read this passage aloud.
- d. Based on 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, ask your group the following questions:
 - How does this passage describe who you are (the temple of the Holy Spirit)?
 - Is this the way you would describe yourself? Is this the way you usually feel about yourself? Why or why not?
 - What is our responsibility as God’s temple (answer: to glorify God)?
 - As God’s temple, how can we glorify Him?
 - Describe some of the ways in which you’ve witnessed others glorify God through their lives.
- e. Share a brief overview and description of the study with your group. Let them know that although we may primarily see ourselves as being very much like the descriptions we’ve just written, God sees and describes us as His temple—which is an awesome fact! Let them know that each week we will be progressively learning what it means to be God’s temple, and how we can glorify God through our everyday lives whether we’re introverted, extroverted, single, married, divorced, widowed, schoolteachers, businesswomen, homemakers, nurses, retirees, etc. And although we’re all very different and very unique, God has called all of us to the same common goal: to glorify Him.

3. SHARE PRAYER REQUESTS (5–10 minutes):

- a. Ask your group to share personal prayer requests using the following question: How would you like our group to pray specifically for you (not for your husband, child, relative, etc.)? **NOTE: Please write down their requests and encourage your group members to make note of each request, too, so they can pray for one another in the days ahead.**
- b. Ask your group to pray that God will use this study to spark a spiritual revival within the lives of every person who participates in this study.

4. CLOSING:

- a. Thank your group members for sharing, and encourage them to complete their Week 1 homework. Remind them to be on time for the lecture, which will follow.
- b. Lead your group in a closing prayer.

The Temple: GLORY!

- GOALS:**
- * To understand the ways in which God's glory is revealed.
 - * To help your group learn the **first key principle** of glorifying God:

*We glorify God in our everyday lives by
desperately seeking Him and by daily depending upon Him.*

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5–10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. Remind your group of the key verses for this study by reading 1 Cor. 6:19–20.
- 2. According to these verses, and to the other verses you studied in Question 7, how does God define and describe us? (*ques. 7, pp. 6–7*)
- 3. What areas of your life most influence and define who you are today? What challenges are you facing in these areas of your life? (*ques. 6 & 8, pp. 6–7*)

DAY TWO:

- 1. What is God's glory and how is it revealed? What attributes reveal His glory? What actions reveal His glory? (*ques. 1–3b, pp. 7–9*)
- 2. How does God reveal His glory today? (*ques. 4, p. 10*)
- 3. In what ways has God revealed His glory to you? Which of His attributes has He displayed or expressed to you recently? How have you visibly seen His Mighty works and glory? (*ques. 7, p. 11*)

DAY THREE:

- 1. After Moses had been on the mountain with God for 40 days and nights, what did God tell Moses about the Israelites, and how did Moses respond to this news? What does this response reveal about Moses' leadership and heart? (*ques. 2b, p. 12*)
- 2. When Moses descends from Mt. Sinai and sees the sin of the Israelites firsthand, how does he respond? What does this response reveal about Moses? (*ques. 2c, p. 12*)
- 3. What characteristics in Moses' life inspired and encouraged you? (*ques. 7b, p. 14*)

NOTE: After they have shared their answers and insights to the previous question, emphasize the way Moses passionately sought after God and depended upon God daily.

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DAY FOUR:

- 1. What kind of relationship did Moses desire to have with God? (*ques. 2b, p. 19*)
- 2. What final request did Moses make of God? Why do you think Moses would ask to see God's glory? (*ques. 3a, p. 19*)
- 3. How do you think Moses would have described seeing God's glory? How do you think that would have affected Moses? What did Moses learn about God that day? (*ques. 4–5, p. 20*)
- 4. How was Moses physically affected by meeting with God and seeing His glory? (*ques. 6, p. 21*)

DAY FIVE:

- 1. How is the glory of the Moses and the Law different from the glory of the New Testament believer? (*ques. 3, p. 23*)
- 2. Is God's presence in our lives visible to others? How is it possible for us to glorify God? (*ques. 4a & e, pp. 23–24*)
- 3. How can we experience communion and intimacy with God? What is necessary in order to spend time in God's presence? (*ques. 5, p. 24*)

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

- 1. How did the Lord use this week's lesson to speak to your heart?
- 2. What is God using in your life in order to drive you to pursue Him passionately?
- 3. You do not need to answer this question aloud, but this is the most important question we must all ask ourselves: Is your life reflecting God's glory? If you will follow the example of Moses by passionately seeking Him and by daily depending upon Him, your life *can* and *will* glorify God.

The Temple: SHINE!

- GOALS:**
- * To understand that sin and compromise prevent us from glorifying God.
 - * To gain a biblical perspective about the body.
 - * To help your group learn the **second key principle** of glorifying God:

*We glorify God in our everyday lives by
reflecting His glory through pure and holy living.*

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5–10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. Begin by asking your group to read the three similar passages from 1 & 2 Corinthians. Who was Paul addressing when he wrote this letter? (*ques. 2–4, pp. 28–29*)
- 2. What compelled Paul to repeat himself three times as he wrote the Corinthians? What was going on at the church in Corinth, and how would it have affected God's glory? (*ques. 4–6, pp. 28–30*)
- 3. It's honesty time: how have you struggled with these same issues in your own life? How has it affected your own personal life? How has it affected your relationship with God? (*ques. 7–9, pp. 31–32*)

DAY TWO:

- 1. According to the three similar passages from 1 & 2 Corinthians, what makes it possible for us to be God's temple? As God's temple, what is our responsibility? As His temple, what is God's promise to us? (*ques. 3, pp. 33–34*)
- 2. How else does Paul describe our bodies? Why does he use this term (tent)? What is the difference between our "earthly tent" and our future heavenly body? (*ques. 5 & 6a, p. 34*)
- 3. In Philippians 1, Paul expresses his beliefs about his own physical body. According to this passage, what is the supreme purpose of the body? How does this perspective differ from the world's perspective about the body? (*ques. 7, p. 35*)

DAY THREE:

- 1. What is God's perspective about our earthly bodies? How did God's descriptions about your body impact or encourage you? (*ques. 2–3, p. 37*)
- 2. What other biblical perspectives did you learn about the body? (*ques. 4, p. 37*)

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- 3. What does the Bible teach about diet and exercise? How does this differ from what the world teaches about diet and exercise? (*ques. 5, p. 38*)
- 4. What is the world's perspective regarding physical beauty? What does the Bible teach about physical beauty? (*ques. 7–8, p. 39*)

DAY FOUR:

- 1. What did you learn about God's standard for our lives? How is holiness possible? (*ques. 2–3, p. 41*)
- 2. What did you learn from your study of Ephesians about holy living? What are some of the specific things that we can do in order to live pure and holy lives? (*ques. 4 all lists, pp. 42–43*)
- 3. Why do you think Paul used the words “temple” and “tent” to describe our bodies? What is he emphasizing when he refers to our bodies as “temples”? What is he emphasizing when he refers to our bodies as tents. Why do you think it's important for us to see our bodies as both tents and temples? (*ques. 6, p. 44*)

DAY FIVE:

- 1. What responsibilities do we have as children of the light? (*ques. 2–3, pp. 45–46*)
- 2. What did you learn about Daniel this week? How did he “glow in the dark” as he served a series of pagan kings? What principles can we learn from his life? How did his life inspire and encourage you? (*ques. 4–5, p. 47*)

CLOSING QUESTION:

- 1. How did the Lord speak to you this week? What insights did the Holy Spirit give you?

The Temple: DETAILS...DETAILS...DETAILS!

- GOALS:**
- * To help your group learn the *third key principle* of glorifying God:
We glorify God in our everyday lives by giving Him authority over every detail in our lives.
 - * To gain a biblical perspective about how to dress.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5–10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. What is the most important common trait between the Old Covenant tabernacle and the New Covenant temple, the believer? (*ques. 4, pp. 53–54*)
- 2. What were the terms and requirements of the Old Covenant between God and the Israelites? How did the Israelites respond to these terms and requirements? What does their response reveal about their desire and about their belief in themselves? (*ques. 5 & 7, pp. 54–55*)
- 3. When the Israelites made their vow to obey the requirements of the Old Covenant, what did God already know about them? What does this reveal about God? (*ques. 8, p. 56*)
- 4. In what ways are we very often just like the Israelites? (*ques. 8, p. 56*)

DAY TWO:

- 1. Why did God want his people to construct a tabernacle? What does this reveal about God? **What does this reveal about our greatest need?** (*ques. 2–3, pp. 56–57*)
- 2. What did you learn about the primary purpose of the tabernacle? God gave the Israelites the instructions for building the tabernacle after they'd already entered into a covenant with Him and had agreed to keep His commands. Why is this significant? What does it reveal about God? (*ques. 4–5 pp. 57–58*)
- 3. According to Exodus 25:9 & 40, how were the Israelites commanded to build the tabernacle? Why do you think God repeated this command? (*ques. 7, p. 59*)
- 4. What major and minor details were included in the instructions regarding the construction of the tabernacle? What do all of the details reveal about God? (*ques. 6b lists, pp. 58–59*)

NOTE: You also may allow them to include the major and minor details they listed in their Day Three and Four homework, question 2b, pp. 60–61.

DETAILS...DETAILS...DETAILS!

- 5. What key repeated phrase did you notice as you read Exodus 25–26, and why do you think it is significant? (*ques. 6a, pp. 58–59*)

NOTE: This same phrase is also found in Exodus 27–30 which they studied in their Day Three and Four homework. The key repeated phrase found in Exodus 25–30 is “you shall” in the NASB and NKJV, and “thou shalt” in the KJV. The NIV simply repeats the word “make.” “You shall” and “thou shalt” make it very clear that these instructions were commands God was giving them regarding every major and minor detail involved in the construction of the tabernacle. This reveals one of the primary truths of this lesson. Details matter to God, and He requires authority over every detail of our lives. When we submit to His authority over the details of our lives, He will be glorified in our lives.

DAY THREE & FOUR:

- 1. What did you learn about the clothes of the Old Covenant priests? Who are the priests of the New Covenant, and what do they have in common with the Old Covenant priests? (*ques. 3–4, pp. 61–62*)
- 2. What did you learn about fashion from the Bible? If you were teaching young women how to dress (and those of you with daughters are doing this), which of these scriptures would you most want them to understand and why? What are some possible ways moms can avoid fashion wars with their daughters? (*ques. 5, pp. 62–63*)
- 3. What insights did the Holy Spirit give to you about being set apart and holy? (*ques. 7, p. 64*)

DAY FIVE:

- 1. How did the Israelites respond to God’s instructions regarding construction of the tabernacle? What key repeated phrase did you see in Exodus 39–40?

NOTE: The key repeated phrase found in Exodus 39–40 is “just as the Lord had commanded Moses” in the NASB, and “as the Lord commanded Moses” in the NIV, KJV, and “as the Lord had commanded Moses” in the NKJV.

How is this phrase related to the key repeated phrase, “you shall,” in Exodus 25–30? (*ques. 3–5, pp. 65–66*)

- 2. What was the result of the obedience of the Israelites? What does this reveal about God? What application does this have for us today? (*ques. 6a, p. 66*)

CLOSING QUESTION:

- 1. What details in your life is God asking you to surrender to Him?

The Temple: SYMBOLS THAT STILL SPEAK

- GOALS:**
- * To understand how the tabernacle foreshadows and symbolizes the work of Christ and the individual life of the believer.
 - * To help your group learn the *fourth key principle* of glorifying God:

We glorify God in our everyday lives by following the pattern of the tabernacle.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. What was the primary purpose of the tabernacle? (*ques. 2, p. 70*)
- 2. What were the first two articles constructed for the tabernacle and what did this symbolize? Why were these two articles so significant? (*ques. 3, pp. 70–71*)
- 3. What other “firsts” did you learn about regarding the construction and set up of the tabernacle and the tasks Moses had to complete? What is the symbolism and significance of these “firsts” and especially of their order of completion? (*ques. 4–7b, pp. 71–72*)
- 4. As you know, God led the Israelites with a cloud as they traveled to the Promised Land. What clouds has God given to us to guide us in our everyday lives? (*ques. 9, p. 73*)

DAY TWO:

- 1. In what ways is the tabernacle a shadow and a copy? In other words, what primary things does the tabernacle symbolize? (*ques. 2c and the notes that follow it, pp. 74–75*)
- 2. Discuss the diagram they completed of the tabernacle on page 76 and the symbolism of its set up (outer court, tent of meeting, holy of holies, etc.)
- 3. Discuss what they learned about the ark and the mercy seat/atonement cover by using the charts they completed on pages 77–78. Be sure to discuss how each of these articles symbolize Christ.

DAY THREE:

- 1. Discuss what they learned about the altar of incense, the table of showbread, and the lampstand by using the charts they completed on pages 80–82. Be sure to discuss how these articles symbolize Christ.

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DAY FOUR:

- 1. Discuss what they learned about the laver/basin and the altar by using the charts they completed on pages 84–85.

DAY FIVE:

- 1. Now we'll begin to focus primarily on how the tabernacle symbolizes our life in Christ and the ways in which we can glorify Him through our everyday lives. How can we enter through the door of the tabernacle that leads to God's presence? What does this mean to you today? (*ques. 2, p. 86*)
- 2. As we come to the brazen altar, what does God require of us here? How can we glorify Him at this altar daily? What sacrifices can we offer? What is God leading you to offer as a sacrifice to Him today? (*ques. 3–4, p. 87*)
- 3. Next, we come to the brazen laver. How can we be cleansed daily and set apart as holy so that we can serve God in the tent of meeting and experience ongoing intimacy with Him? (*ques. 5, p. 88*)
- 4. Now we're prepared to enter into the holy place, the place of service and worship. How does the golden lampstand symbolize our life in Christ? What does it teach us about how we can glorify God in our everyday lives? (*ques. 6, p. 88*)
- 5. How does the golden table of showbread teach us to glorify God in our daily lives? Do you realize that's just what we're doing today in our small group! (*ques. 7, p. 89*)
- 6. In the very center of the holy place is the altar of incense? What does its placement (at the center) symbolize? How does it teach us to glorify God? (*ques. 8, p. 89*)
- 7. Finally, we come to the holy of holies where we stand before the mercy seat. What does this symbolize about our life in Christ? How is it possible for us to experience such intimacy with God? How does this teach us to glorify God? How does the book of Hebrews encourage us to approach God's holy presence, and what will we experience here? (*see passages from Matthew and Hebrews printed in homework on pp. 89–90*)

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

- 1. How did your study of the tabernacle impact you?
- 2. How did the Holy Spirit minister to you this week through your study?

NOTE: Please encourage your group to use the truths they've learned from their study of the tabernacle as a pattern that will enable them to glorify God with their lives every day.

The Temple: MATTERS OF THE HEART

- GOALS:**
- * To understand the need we all have for a new and changed heart.
 - * To understand that change and obedience to God are the evidence of true salvation.
 - * To help your group learn the *5th key principle* of glorifying God:

We glorify God in our everyday lives by following Him obediently and by giving Him priority.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. As the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, what did you learn about their spiritual condition? Even after their forty-years pilgrimage with God, had their hearts changed? What does this say to us today? (*ques. 2cef, pp. 97–98*)
- 2. Why did God give them the Promised Land? (*ques. 2ab, p. 97*)
- 3. What does God warn and command the Israelites to do when they enter Canaan? (*ques. 4, p. 99*)
- 4. Why did God tell them they must “Circumcise their heart...”? (*ques. 5c, p. 99*)
- 5. Ask your group to share brief testimonies about their salvation. Ask them what God used to draw their hearts toward Him. Ask them to share the ways in which they experienced change in their hearts and lives.

DAY TWO:

- 1. Briefly discuss what they learned about Joshua by using the charts they completed. What kind of leader was Joshua? What did he know about his people? What evidence did you see in Joshua’s life that his heart was truly circumcised? What enabled Joshua to glorify God with his life? (*chart on pp. 102–103*)
- 2. Briefly discuss what they learned about Eli and his sons by using the charts they completed. What kind of leaders were they? What did you learn about their hearts? What prevented them from glorifying God in their lives? (*chart on p. 104*)

DAY THREE:

- 1. Review what happened to the ark of the covenant during Eli’s day. Then ask what happened to the ark after it was captured by the Philistines. What did God reveal about Himself to both the Philistines and the Israelites through their experiences with the ark? What became of the ark? (*ques. 2, p. 106*)

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- 2. Discuss the experience David and the Israelites had when they went to recover the ark from Kiriath-jearim. Why did such a wonderful event turn into such an awful disaster? What do you think David learned about his heart that day? What principles can we learn from this experience about glorifying God? (*ques. 3, pp. 107-108*)

DAY FOUR:

- 1. Discuss what they learned about Solomon's early years and the ways in which he glorified God. Discuss Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple and what happened at the conclusion of his prayer. Discuss how and why his heart changed. Can this possibly happen to us today? Why and how? (*ques. 2-6, pp. 109-111*)
- 2. What happened 300 years after Solomon's death and why? What hope did God give to His people through the prophet Ezekiel? (*notes in lesson and ques. 7, p. 111*)

DAY FIVE:

- 1. After their captivity in Babylon, God allowed the Israelites to return to their land and to begin rebuilding the temple but, after fifteen years, only the foundation of the temple had been laid. Discuss the message God gave to the Israelites through the prophet Haggai. What did you learn about the people's hearts? What was God allowing to happen to them and why? How was their negligence affecting God's glory? (*ques. 3, pp. 113-114*)
- 2. How did the people respond to Haggai's message? How did God then encourage and lift their spirits? (*ques. 4-6, p. 114*)
- 3. According to God, what made this less-than-magnificent temple glorious? How does this apply to our lives today? (*ques. 7, p. 114*)
- 4. What are some of the good things in our lives that often threaten to prevent us from giving God priority and from seeking Him first? (*ques. 10 list, p. 115*)

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

- 1. As you've seen from your study of Israel's history, God often used change to test and challenge the Israelites to obey Him and to enable them to see their own hearts. What recent changes and challenges has God allowed in your life? Why do you think God is allowing these changes, and how is he leading you to respond to them?
- 2. Questions to think about: Are you allowing God to be glorified through the various changes that you are experiencing in your life? Are you allowing God to constantly change and transform your life?

The Temple: GREATER GLORY

- GOALS:**
- * To understand that Jesus visibly revealed God’s glory in a greater way than had ever been seen before because Jesus revealed God’s glory perfectly.
 - * To understand that change and obedience to God are the evidence of true salvation.
 - * To help your group learn the *sixth key principle* of glorifying God:

*We glorify God in our everyday lives by
seeking to please Him above all else.*

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. How was God’s glory demonstrated at the time of Christ’s birth? (*ques. 2, p. 120*)
- 2. Discuss the events surrounding Christ’s dedication at the temple: Simeon and his prophetic words; Anna and her affirmation. How do you think their words and responses affected Mary and Joseph? (*ques. 4, pp. 121–122*)
- 3. How does John 1 describe the incarnation of Christ? What did Jesus reveal through His life? (*ques. 5, p. 122*) How did John 1 parallel Simeon’s description of Christ? (*ques. 6, p. 122*)
- 4. What do the prophecies from Haggai 2:9 and Malachi 3:1 have in common? What covenant did Christ represent? (*ques. 7, pp. 122–123*)
- 5. As you studied Jesus’ visit to the temple when he was twelve years old, how did He reveal God’s glory even as a boy? What was significant about Jesus’ response to His mother when she found Him at the temple? (*ques. 8bcd, p. 123*) Put yourself in Mary’s shoes for a moment—what do you think it would be like to be Jesus’ mom?

DAY TWO:

- 1. How did Jesus begin His earthly ministry? Why is this significant and why do you think this act glorified God? (*ques. 3, p. 126*)
- 2. How did John the Baptist describe Jesus’ ministry as opposed to the Law/the Old Covenant? What did John say Jesus revealed through His life and ministry? (*ques. 4ab, p. 127*)
- 3. What did Jesus do immediately after His baptism and why? How does this often parallel our own “wilderness” experiences? What was the purpose of the temptation of Christ? Why was it necessary, and why is it necessary in our own lives? (*ques. 5, pp. 127–128*)
- 4. How did Satan tempt Christ? Let’s get real honest: How does Satan also tempt us and promise to give us glory and authority? (*ques. 6–7, pp. 128–129*)

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DAY THREE:

- 1. As you looked at the miracles Jesus performed, what were some of the positive and negative results of these miracles? What did Jesus' miracles reveal about Him? (*ques. 2 chart, p. 131*)
- 2. What were the highs and lows of Jesus' visit to His hometown "church." How did Jesus respond to the highs and lows of His day-to-day life? (*ques. 3, p. 132*)
- 3. What are some of the highs and lows of your life? How did the Lord speak to you through the example of Christ, and how did His example encourage you to properly deal with your own highs and lows? (*ques. 5-6, p. 132-133*)

DAY FOUR:

- 1. As you learned, the Jews in Jesus' day were very proud of their temple. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple twice during His lifetime? (*ques. 2de, p. 135*) What does this reveal about the temple and the priesthood during the time of Christ? (*ques. 3d, p. 136*)
- 2. What did Jesus reveal to the woman at the well in Samaria about true worship? What did He mean by this? (*ques. 5, p. 136*) How is this being fulfilled today? How can we worship God in spirit and in truth?

DAY FIVE:

- 1. How can we glorify God in our everyday lives? What did Jesus teach about glorifying God? (*ques. 2, p. 139*)

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

- 1. How did the Lord speak to your heart this week?
- 2. As a result of your study this week, how is the Lord encouraging you to follow the example of Christ in your everyday life?

The Temple: THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

- GOALS:**
- * To more fully comprehend and appreciate Christ's commitment to glorify God no matter the cost.
 - * To understand how Christ's suffering glorified God.
 - * To help your group learn the *seventh key principle* of glorifying God:

*We glorify God in our everyday lives by
responding to persecution and suffering as Christ did.*

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. In Luke 9, Jesus tells His disciples that He will soon suffer and die. Then, He lists the requirements for following Him. What were these requirements, and how do they parallel with what Jesus had just told them about Himself? What does this mean to us today? (*ques. 2bcd, pp. 144–145*)
- 2. Eight days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John up to a mountain to pray. Describe what happened that evening and what the disciples saw? How do you think this experience would have affected the disciples? (*ques. 3 Peter's "journal" assignment, p. 145*)
- 3. What were Moses and Elijah discussing with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration? (*ques. 4, p. 146*) Why was Peter's desire to remain on the mountain inappropriate, and what does it reveal about Peter? What does this incident reveal about Christ's commitment to us? (*ques. 5–6, p. 146*)
- 4. How are we being transfigured/transformed as Christians? (*ques. 6, p. 146*)

DAY TWO:

- 1. What did Jesus teach His disciples and followers through Lazarus' death and resurrection? What were the results of Lazarus' resurrection? Please share any instances where you've witnessed God's glory through illness or death. (*ques. 2 chart, p. 148*)
- 2. As you studied John 12, how did Mary (Lazarus' sister) glorify Christ? In what specific ways can we follow Mary's example? (*ques. 3 chart, p. 149 & ques. 6, p. 150*)
- 3. What did Jesus teach the disciples about glorifying God in John 12:23–28? (*ques. 3 chart, p. 149*) How can we practically apply these principles in our everyday lives? What opportunities do we have in our daily lives to "lose our life" for Christ's sake and to die to self? (*ques. 4, p. 150*)
- 4. What do the examples of Mary and Christ teach us about the cost of glorifying God? (*ques. 5c, p. 150*)

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DAY THREE:

- 1. In Jesus' final hours with His disciples, how did He demonstrate His love to them? What is the relationship between love and servanthood? What is Christ teaching us about glorifying God through His example? (*ques. 2cde, p. 152*)
- 2. As Jesus and His disciples participated in the Last Supper, what did Jesus teach them about the necessity and the symbolism of His blood? (*ques. 3, p. 152*) What is the common denominator between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant? (*ques. 4, p. 152*)
- 3. Why is the New Covenant better than the Old Covenant? (*ques. 5, p. 153*)

DAY FOUR:

- 1. As Jesus prepares His disciples for His crucifixion, what did He teach them about the Holy Spirit? How would these words have comforted them? (*ques. 3, pp. 154–155*)
- 2. According to Romans 8, how are we commanded to live? What does the Holy Spirit give us the power to do in our everyday lives? (*ques. 4ad, p. 155*)
- 3. In what ways have you seen the power of the Holy Spirit demonstrated in your own life? (*ques. 5, p. 156*)
- 4. As you studied John 17, the high priestly prayer of Jesus, how did Jesus pray for us? What did you learn from this prayer about glory and glorifying God? (*ques. 6, p. 156*)

DAY FIVE:

- 1. As you read the account of Christ's crucifixion from John 19, how did it affect you? If you saw the movie *The Passion of the Christ*, please share how the Lord used it in your life. Even though reading the account of Christ's crucifixion and, perhaps, watching a movie like *The Passion* is difficult for us, why do you think it's important for us to never "stray" too far away from the cross?
- 2. Why was it necessary for Christ to suffer? (*ques. 4, p. 158*) According to 1 Peter 4, how should we respond to suffering? (*ques. 5, p. 159*)

CLOSING QUESTION:

- 1. In what specific ways is the Lord challenging you today to glorify Him by taking up your cross to follow Him?

The Temple: GOD'S TEMPLE TODAY—YOU!

- GOALS:**
- * To understand that God's presence dwells within us through the Holy Spirit and has made us God's temple today.
 - * To understand that the only way we can live the life Christ has called us to is through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.
 - * To help your group learn the *eighth key principle* of glorifying God:

*We glorify God in our everyday lives by
allowing the power of the Holy Spirit to flow freely through us.*

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. Before Christ ascended into heaven, He gave some commands and promises to His followers. What were those commands and promises? How did His followers respond and see those promises fulfilled? How was the power of the Holy Spirit demonstrated through their lives? Which group of people first received the Holy Spirit? (*ques. 2 chart, pp. 164, ques. 3, p. 165*)
- 2. Which group of people received the Holy Spirit next, and how did this happen? (*ques. 4, p. 165*)
- 3. What group of people received the Holy Spirit next? What did this experience reveal to Peter and the early church? (*ques. 5, pp. 165–166*)

DAY TWO:

- 1. What did you learn about Stephen from Acts 6? What was he like? What did others visibly see in his life? (*ques. 2, p. 167*)
- 2. What were the key points in Stephen's powerful sermon before the Jewish high priest and his Council? Were there any key scriptures that you felt best summarized the main point of his message? (*ques. 4, p. 167*) How did his sermon parallel with our study of *The Temple*?
- 3. How did God use Stephen's life and death? How did Stephen and Saul's lives intersect? How did Saul's life and ministry eventually parallel Stephen's life and ministry? (*ques. 6–9, pp. 167–168*)

DAY THREE:

- 1. How and when do we become temples of the Holy Spirit? What role did the Holy Spirit play in your becoming a Christian? (*ques. 2–4, pp. 169–170*)

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- 2. What is the evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit working in your life in these ways? (*ques. 6 chart, & ques. 7, pp. 170–171*)

DAY FOUR:

- 1. How is spiritual fruit produced in our lives? What did you learn as you studied John 15? What did you learn about abiding/remaining in the vine? (*ques. 2–3, pp. 172*)
- 2. What is spiritual fruit? How does spiritual fruit glorify God? (*ques. 4, p. 173*)
- 3. Today, if you could only choose one of the “fruits” of the Holy Spirit, which one would you choose and why? (*ques. 5, p. 173*)

DAY FIVE:

- 1. As you studied spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12, what did Paul mean when he said there are “...different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit...different kinds of service, but the same Lord... different kinds of working, but the same God...?” (*ques. 2a, p. 175*)
- 2. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? Who gives these gifts and who determines which gifts we receive? (*ques. 2bcd, p. 175*)
- 3. According to Ephesians 4, what is the result of spiritual gifts when they are exercised within the church? (*ques. 3b, p. 175*)
- 4. If you know what your own spiritual gift is, how did you discover it? What would you tell someone who is seeking to discover their spiritual gift?

CLOSING QUESTION:

- 1. What did the Holy Spirit teach you this week through your study? What was His primary message for you this week?

The Temple: GLORIFYING GOD IN THE SPIRIT

- GOALS:**
- * To understand the battle between the sinful nature and the new nature.
 - * To focus on this fact: The Holy Spirit has freed us from the power of our sinful nature and enables us to live new lives.
 - * To help your group learn the **ninth key principle** of glorifying God:

*We glorify God in our everyday lives by
choosing to be controlled by the Spirit.*

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. Read or quote the key passage for this study, 1 Cor. 6:19–20. Then, ask your group to identify the facts contained within that passage. (*ques. 2, p. 180*)
In spite of these facts, why do we still struggle with sin and making right choices in our daily lives? (*ques. 3–4, Romans 7 passage and commentary on p. 181*)
- 2. As you read Romans 6:1–8, what principles and facts did you learn about the Christian life? What happened to us when we became Christians? (*ques. 6, pp. 182–183*)

DAY TWO:

- 1. Why did Paul remind the Corinthians that they were temples of the Holy Spirit? What problems were they experiencing within their church and within their lives? (*ques. 2b, p. 185*)
- 2. As you studied Romans 7, in what ways did you identify with Paul? What are some of the sins you struggle with in your everyday life? (*ques. 5, p. 186*)
NOTE: The previous question is very personal. In order to make your group members feel more comfortable about sharing their personal struggles with sin, please consider sharing from your own personal experience first. Encourage them with James 5:16, "... confess your sins to each other and pray for each other..."
- 3. What did you learn about the sinful nature from Romans 8:1–16? (*ques. 8 chart, p. 189*)

DAY THREE:

- 1. According to Romans 6, how can we experience victory over our sinful nature? (*ques. 3 chart, pp. 191–192, ques. 4–5, p. 192*)
- 2. Did any of you begin to practice these scriptural commands yet? Please share how you practically applied these scriptures to your life. How can you practically apply them in your daily, ongoing prayer life?

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DAY FOUR:

- 1. What did you learn about the Holy Spirit from Romans 8? (*ques. 2, p. 194–195*)
How did these truths encourage you?
- 2. Excluding the sins we struggle with, what other areas of weakness do we also experience in our daily lives? (*ques. 5, p. 195*)
- 3. As we face these areas of weakness in our lives, what promises has God given to us? (*ques. 4, p. 195*)

DAY FIVE:

- 1. What were some of the struggles and weaknesses Paul faced in his life and ministry? How did he respond to them? What did you learn from his example? (*ques. 2–3, p. 197*)
- 2. How have you witnessed God's power and glory being manifested through weakness in someone else's life? How have you experienced God's power being manifested through weakness in your own life?

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

- 1. What circumstance, weakness, or struggle is God currently allowing in your life, and:
 - How do you believe God wants you to respond to it?
 - How do you believe God wants to use it for His glory?

The Temple: FUTURE GLORY

- GOALS:**
- * To understand that our present life should be lived in preparation for our future life.
 - * To gain a greater appreciation for our glorious destiny: heaven.
 - * To help your group learn the *final key principle* of glorifying God:

*We glorify God in our everyday lives by
keeping an eternal perspective and preparing for the glory to come.*

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

Please check the boxes beside each discussion question you have prayerfully chosen to use in your small group time. **NOTE: Application-based questions are shaded; scripture-based questions are not.**

DAY ONE:

- 1. Begin by asking them to share some of the things in their lives that often distract them from having an eternal perspective.
- 2. Why is it important that we keep an eternal perspective in mind? What are the benefits of being “heavenly minded?”
- 3. As you studied what Jesus taught about preparing for eternity, what did you learn? What are some of the ways that we can prepare now for eternity to come? (*ques. 2 chart, pp. 202–203*)
- 4. According to what you studied this week, what will happen to us immediately after death? What will happen to our bodies and where will we immediately go? (*ques. 4ac, p. 203*)
- 5. What will our glorified bodies be like? How will they be different from the bodies we inhabit now? (*ques. 5, p. 204*)

DAY TWO:

- 1. Some believers will not experience death. Instead, they’ll be raptured. What is the rapture and how will it take place? (*ques. 2–3, pp. 206–207*)
- 2. After the rapture, the seven-year tribulation will begin on earth. What will we, as believers, be experiencing in heaven during this time? What did you learn about the judgment seat of Christ. (*ques. 4, p. 207*) **NOTE: Please let them know that the Judgment Seat of Christ will be based upon the deeds/works of each believer. Reward or loss of reward will be the result of this judgment but not the loss of one’s salvation.**
- 3. How does knowing about the judgment seat of Christ affect and impact us today?
- 4. What event will follow the judgment seat of Christ? Who are the partners in this marriage? (*ques. 6–7, p. 207*)

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DAY THREE:

- 1. What event will follow the seven-year Tribulation? What did you learn about the second coming of Christ? What will Christ do when He returns to earth? What did you learn about the millennial reign of Christ? What will life on earth be like during the millennium? (*ques. 2–6, pp. 208–211*)
- 2. What will our role on earth be during the millennium? (*ques. 3, p. 210*)
- 3. What will occur at the conclusion of the millennium? What does this reveal about mankind? What does this reveal about God? What, perhaps, is God’s purpose for the millennium? (*ques. 5–6, p. 211*)

DAY FOUR:

- 1. What did Jesus tell us about heaven? According to Jesus, how do you get to heaven? (*ques. 3, p. 212*)
- 2. As you studied the description of heaven from Revelation 21 and 22, what did you learn about it? What will heaven be like? What are some of the things that we’ll see and experience in heaven? What are some of the things that will not be found in heaven? (possible answers: tears, temple, sin, etc.) (*ques. 4, p. 212–213*)
- 3. As you think about heaven, what are some of the things that you’re most looking forward to seeing and experiencing there?

DAY FIVE:

- 1. As you studied the promises God has made to us about eternity, what did you learn? (*ques. 2, p. 215*)

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

- 1. If someone asked you, “How can I—an everyday, ordinary woman—glorify God in my life,” what would you tell them?
- 2. As you think about all that you’ve studied and learned over the past ten weeks, what are some of the most meaningful things that God has taught you?

NOTE: At the conclusion of your small group time today, stand at the door of your classroom to edify and encourage each member of your group as they leave. Let them know of your love and appreciation for them. If you’re a “hugger,” go for it!



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The Temple: GOD'S GLORY VS. SELF GLORY OR GET OVER YOURSELF

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

—1 Corinthians 6:19–20 NASB

This verse answers the **three key questions** of life:

1. **Who** am I? I am **a temple** of the Holy Spirit.
2. **Whose** am I? I **do not** belong to myself; I **belong to God**.
3. What is my **purpose**? I am **called** to **glorify God**.

This study will enable you to answer two more very important questions:

1. What does it mean to **be God's temple**?
2. How can I **glorify God** in my **everyday life**?

Chapter One: The Story of Glory:

1. The **glory** of man and woman. *Gen. 1:26–28*
 - * **Oneness** with God.
 - * Oneness with **one another**.
 - * Oneness in **purpose**.
2. The **fall** of man and woman. *Gen. 3:1–6*
 - * Desire for **self-glory**.
 - * Desire for **glory** apart from **God** = **sin**.
 - * RESULT: The desire for **self-glory** resulted in the **loss** of **God's glory**.

The Seven Deadly Sins of Women

1. Self **Pity** *says: **I'm a victim**
 - * constant need to **rehearse** and **rehash** the offenses we've suffered.
 - * choice to maximize **offenses** and minimize **blessings**.
 - * it is the opposite of **joy**.
2. Self **Love** *says: **"I... I... I"**
 - * constant need to focus on **what I need**.
 - * choice to maximize my **value** and minimize the **value** of others.
 - * it is the opposite of **loving God and loving others**.

3. Self **Importance** *says: **“Me first”**
 - *constant need to be **noticed, promoted**, or positioned so that others can see how **important** we are.
 - *choice to do **good** so that we will look **good**.
 - *it is the opposite of **Christlike servanthood**.
4. Self **ishness** *says: **“I want”**
 - *constant need to **take** for ourselves everything we can get even if others are **deprived**.
 - *choice to be a **taker** instead of a **giver**.
 - *it is the opposite of a **giving heart**.
5. Self **Image** *says: **“I am worth it”**
 - *constant need to spend inordinate **time**, energy, thought, and **\$\$** on our **appearance**.
 - *choice to focus more on the importance of how we appear **to others** than on how we appear **to God**.
 - *it is the opposite of **worshipping God** because it is **self-worship**.
6. Self **Abasement** *says: **“I’m not worthy”**
 - *constant need to live in a **pit** of **guilt** and **shame**.
 - *choice to beat ourselves up constantly over **past sins** and **mistakes**.
 - *it is the opposite of **faith** because it is **unbelief** in God’s forgiveness.
7. Self **Righteousness** *says: **“Aren’t I spiritual”**
 - *constant need to **view** ourselves as being **above others**.
 - *choice to believe our **good works** and perfections have made us **spiritually mature**.
 - *it is the opposite of **humility** and a **contrite** spirit.

How can we get over ourSELVES so that we can glorify God?

1. By accepting the **grace** of God through the **gift** of Christ’s **redemption**.
Rom. 5:8,12,19
2. By daily emptying **ourselves** of **SELF** and by presenting our bodies to God as living sacrifices. *Rom. 12:1*
3. By living with a **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** mindset.

RESULT: Restoration of **oneness** with God and the ability to **glorify** God.

*Before you can ever be **fully filled** with His glory,
you must first be **fully emptied** of self.*

*It’s time for us to **get over ourSELVES**.*

The Temple: DESPERATE BUT NOT DESPAIRING

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

—1 Corinthians 6:19–20 NASB

Key Principle: *We glorify God in our everyday lives by desperately seeking Him, and by daily depending upon Him.*

How does God, most often, teach us to **be desperate** for Him?

Two Primary Ways:

1. Through the **extraordinary challenges** we experience at various seasons throughout our lives.

Example: Moses—*Exodus 24:12–18; 32:19–34:8*

Moses *didn't* **give in to despair**.

Moses *did* seek God **desperately** and **consistently**.

Results: He saw the **glory** of God.

He **reflected** the **glory** of God to others.

He **glorified** God through the extraordinary challenges of life.

Example: **David**—*Psalms 63*

2. Through the **ordinary challenges** we experience in day-to-day life.

Example: Moses—*Numbers 27:1–11, 36:1–10*

Moses didn't **seek God** only in seasons of extraordinary challenges.

Moses also sought God **desperately** even in the **ordinary** challenges of his daily life.

Results: He received God's glorious **wisdom** and **provision**.

He reflected God's **attributes** to others.

He glorified God through the **ordinary** challenges of day-to-day life.

*Do you want to glorify God through the **challenges** of your life?*

*If so, be **desperate** without **despairing**!*

Glo, Girl!

The Temple: SHINE! REFLECTING GOD'S GLORY

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World's Philosophy: My body is **my temple**.

Biblical Philosophy: My body is **God's temple**.

Key Principle: *We glorify God in our everyday lives by reflecting His glory through pure and holy living.*

One of the Hebrew words for glory is **halal** = * to **shine** * to give **light**

Halal is the root word for **hallelujah** = giving glory to God.³

Question: How can we “**shine**”/**reflect** God's glory?

Answer: By living **pure** and **holy** lives. *Ephesians 1:4, 2:19–21*

Question: What does a **pure** and **holy lifestyle** look like?

Answer: It doesn't look like the “**old you**.” *Ephesians 4:17–22*

- * caught up in a **futile**, vain mindset
- * no **spiritual** understanding
- * given over to **sensuality** and impurity
- * continual lust for **more**

It does look like the “**new you**.” *Ephesians 4:24*

- * like **God** = godly
- * righteous
- * **holy**

WEEK TWO LISTENING GUIDE

In your relationships with others, it looks like:

Ephesians 4:25–27

- * being **truthful**
- * being **angry** but not **sinning**
- * seeking speedy **restoration**

In your words and attitudes, it sounds like:

Ephesians 4:29–32

- * words that **build**, bless and **benefit**
- * kindness and **compassion**
- * **unconditional** forgiveness

In your personal morality, it looks like:

Ephesians 5:3–5

- * not even a **hint** of sexual immorality
- * not even a hint of impurity or **greed**
- * not even a hint of foul or **coarse** language

In your workplace, it looks like:

Ephesians 4:28

- * being honest and not **stealing**
- * being **hardworking**
- * **sharing** with others

In your service to God and others, it looks like:

Ephesians 5:1–2

- * **loving** as Christ loved
- * **giving** as Christ gave
- * unconditional, **sacrificial** love

In your partnerships with others, it looks like:

Ephesians 5:6–7

- * not being **deceived** by empty words
- * not being **partners** with unbelievers

Question: Why should you live a holy and pure lifestyle? *Ephesians 5:8*

Answer: Because you've **received** the **light** of Christ, and you're called to let His **light shine** through your life.

Final Exhortation:

Give up **physical perfection**,
and become, instead, **God's reflection!**

The Temple: THE GOD OF EVERY DETAIL

Key Principle: *We glorify God in our everyday lives by giving Him authority over every detail in our lives.*

I. Why was the Old Covenant/**the Law** even **necessary**?

God used it to:

- A. **Reveal** Himself and His **character** to them. Deut. 5:1–16
- B. Instruct them how to obey Him and how to **reflect** His holy **character**. Deut. 7:6, 9
- C. **Set** them **apart** from all other **nations**. Deut. 7:6
- D. **Reveal** to them that they were **sinners**. Gal. 3:19,22
- E. **Tutor** and to **guard** them until Christ came. Gal. 3:23–24

II. What other principles did the Old Covenant **reveal**?

A. Questions to Review: Exodus 24:12–30:8

1. Why did God call Moses up to Mt. Sinai? **v. 24:12 To give Moses the law**
2. What were the Israelites told to construct? **v. 25:8 A sanctuary for God**
3. Why were they to construct it? **v. 25:8 So God could dwell among them**
4. How were they to construct it? **v. 25:9 According to ALL/EVERY DETAIL God showed them**
5. What key repeated phrase is found in Ex. 25:10–30? **v. 25:11 “you shall” over 100X**

B. Principles About God:

1. God **loves** us, and He longs to **dwell among** us.
2. God will dwell among us and have fellowship with us **on His terms**.
3. God is a God of **details**, and **details** matter to God.

C. Questions to Review: Exodus 39–40

1. What key repeated phrase is found in Exodus 39–40?
“just as the Lord commanded Moses”
2. How did the Israelites construct the tabernacle (39:42–43)?
They did ALL the work, just as the Lord commanded
3. What was the result of their obedience to God (40:34–35)?
The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle in the cloud

D. Principles About God:

1. God will **reveal** the details He **requires** of us—where He requires **repentance** and **change** in our lives, He’ll reveal it.
2. God will not require us to do anything He will not **equip** and **enable** us to do.
3. God will **fill** our lives with His glory and will enable us to glorify Him as we **surrender every detail** of our lives to Him.

The Temple: THE TABERNACLE—A PICTURE OF YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

***Key Principle:** We glorify God in our everyday lives
by following the pattern of the tabernacle.*

I. The Significance of the Tabernacle

- A. It was the place of **God's presence**. *Ex. 25:8*
- B. It symbolized a future time when God's **presence** would **dwell** within us. *John 14:20*

II. The Tabernacle Reveals

- A. God's **desire** to **dwell** with His people.
- B. Our **need** for a **relationship** with God.
- C. God **reaching out** to us through **grace** /Christ.
- D. Our way to **establish** a relationship with God by **faith** in Christ.

III. The Symbolism

- A. The Tabernacle Symbolizes:
 - 1. The **Person** and **Work** of Christ. *John 1:14*
 - 2. The **Church**. *Eph. 2:19–21*
 - 3. The **Individual Christian**. *1 Cor. 6:19*
- B. The Three Primary Areas of the Tabernacle Symbolize:
 - 1. The Outer Court = The place of **sacrifice** and **cleansing**.
 - 2. The Inner Court/Holy Place = The place of **worship**, **witness** and **fellowship**.
 - 3. The Holy of Holies = The place of **God's presence**; our most personal **communion** with God.

IV. How It Applies to Us Today

Reveals Christ—Who Has Met My Every Need

1. I need a **way** to God.
The Single Entrance
Christ is the **Door**. *John 10:9, 14:6*
2. I need a **sacrifice** for my **sin**.
The Brazen Altar
Christ is the **sacrifice**. *John 1:29*
3. I need **cleansing**.
The Brazen Laver
Christ has **washed** me. *Titus 3:5*
4. I need **light** for my daily **life**.
The Golden Lampstand
Christ is the **light** of my **life**. *John 1:4*
5. I need someone to **pray** for me.
The Altar of Incense
Christ is my **intercessor**. *Heb. 7:25*
6. I need spiritual **food** and **fellowship**.
The Table of Showbread
Christ is my bread and my **friend**. *Rev. 3:20*
7. I need **intimacy** with God.
The Ark/Mercy Seat
Christ's **offering** is my access. *Heb. 10:19–22*

Gives Me a “Spiritual Checklist”

To glorify God in my everyday life, I must:

- Go to the **altar** daily. *Rom. 12:1*
- Go to the laver of **God’s Word** and allow Him to wash and **purify** me daily. *John 17:17, James 1:23–25*
- Let His **light** within me shine as a **witness** to others. *Mt. 5:16*
- Spend time in **prayer** to God and in **intercession** for others. *1 Thess. 5:17*
- Participate in **fellowship** and in **service** with other believers. *Heb. 10:24–25, 1 Peter 4:10*

Results:

Intimacy with God.

Confidence before God. *Heb. 4:16*

You’ll be **His temple**.

You’ll **glorify God**.

The Temple: THE HEART THAT FOLLOWS GOD

Key Principle: *We glorify God in our everyday lives by following Him obediently and by giving Him priority.*

Facts About Following God:

Fact #1: God will often call and challenge us to “**break camp**” and **move on**.

Deut. 1:6–7

Fact #2: God’s **presence** will **constantly** be with us. *Num. 9:15–16*

Fact #3: God’s leadership will be **on-going** and **progressive**.

Num. 9:17

Fact #4: God will use **change** along our journey to **change** us.

Num. 9:19–22

Fact #5: God will do **amazing things** before us as we obediently follow Him by faith. *Josh. 3:5, 14–17*

Fact #6: God will **honor** those whose lives **honor** Him. *1 Sam. 2:27–35*

Fact #7: God requires that we do His **will** His **way**.

1 Chron. 13:1–13, 15:12–15

Fact #8: God requires us to follow Him **full-heartedly**. *1 Kings 11:1–4, 9, 11*

Fact #9: God requires us to give Him **priority** as we follow Him.

Haggai 1:2–4, 8–9

The Heart That Follows God:

1. Views life on earth as a **pilgrimage**.
2. Continuously **recognizes** and **relies** upon God’s presence.
3. Watches and waits for His leadership and follows Him **whenever** and **wherever** He leads. *Num. 9:23*
4. Allows God to make any **necessary changes** to be conformed to the image of Christ.
5. Is **strong** and **courageous**.
6. Faithfully **honors** God above all others.
7. **Consciously** and **cautiously** seeks to do God’s **will** God’s **way**.
8. Follows God **full-heartedly**.
9. Gives God **priority**.

God to _____ (your name here) _____:

“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.” Zech. 4:10 NLT

The Temple: THE 4 CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD PLEASERS

Key Principle: *We glorify God in our everyday lives by seeking to please Him above all else.*

The 3 primary choices of everyday life:

1. **Self**-pleaser: the choice to **glorify self** above everyone and everything else.
2. **People**-pleaser: the choice to **glorify others** above God and everything else.
3. **God**-pleaser: the choice to **glorify God** above everyone and everything else.

*“But passing through their midst, (Jesus) went **His way**.” Luke 4:30*

The woman who pleases God will possess these 4 characteristics:

1. The **Call**: *Isaiah 50:5–7, Mark 1:38, Luke 4:42–43, Mark 14:36*
 You must **know**: Your call is to **follow Christ**.
 You must **practice**: **Following Christ** no matter the cost.
2. The **Conviction**: *John 8:31–32, Matthew 7:24–25*
 You must **know**: What you **believe**, and your **beliefs** must be based upon the **truth** of God’s Word.
 You must **practice**: Making everyday **decisions** based upon the **truths** of God’s Word.
3. The **Courage**: *Mark 2:3–12, 15–17, 23–27, 4:36–39*
 You must **know**: You *will* be **criticized** and **misunderstood**.
 You must **practice**: Standing firmly in the **truth** and **speaking truth** in love to others.
4. The **Compassion**: *Mark 6:34, 8:1–2*
 You must **know**: The two-fold **motivation** for ministry: 1) **passion** for God, and 2) **compassion** for others.
 You must **practice**: The priorities of **loving** and **seeking** God first, and **loving** and **serving** others as a result.

“It’s your choice: Will you choose God’s way for your life?”

The Temple: GLORIFYING GOD THROUGH SUFFERING

Key Principle: *We glorify God in our everyday lives by responding to persecution and suffering as Christ did.*

I. The **Reality** of Persecution and Suffering:

- A. For His **name's sake**. *John 15:18–21, Phil. 1:29*
- B. For the **gospel**. *2 Tim. 1:8*
- C. For your **testing**. *1 Pet. 4:12*
- D. For **righteousness**. *2 Tim. 3:12*
- E. For **God's will**. *1 Pet. 4:19*

II. The **Response** to Persecution and Suffering:

- A. **Rejoice** and be **glad**. *Matt. 5:12, Acts 5:41*
- B. **Love** and **pray** for your enemies. *Matt. 5:44*
- C. **Bless** those who **persecute** you. *Rom. 12:14*
- D. **Follow** the **example** of Christ. *1 Pet. 2:21–23*
- E. **Bear up** and endure. *1 Pet. 2:19–20*
- F. Do not **fear** or be **frightened**. *1 Pet. 3:14*
- G. Do not **be surprised**. *1 Pet. 4:12*
- H. Do not **be ashamed**. *1 Pet. 4:16*
- I. **Commit** yourself to God and continue to **do good**. *1 Pet. 4:19*
- J. Be **faithful**, even to the point of **death**. *Rev. 2:10*

*Persecution and suffering are the truest tests of **discipleship**.*

III. The **Result** of Persecution and Suffering:

- A. The **gospel** will be **spread**. *Acts 1:8, 8:1–4*

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” Tertullian

- B. Others will be **saved**. *Heb. 13:12*
- C. Our **faith** will grow **stronger**. *1 Pet. 5:10*

IV. The **Reward** of Persecution and Suffering:

- A. We'll receive a **great reward**. *Matt. 5:10–12*
- B. We'll be **counted worthy** of God's kingdom. *2 Thess. 1:5*
- C. We'll receive the **crown** of **life**. *Jas. 1:12*

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot

The Temple: GLO-ING WITH THE FLOW PART I

***Key Principle: We glorify God in our everyday lives
by allowing the power of the Holy Spirit to flow freely through us.***

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—1 Corinthians 6:19–20 NASB

I. Promise of the Spirit

1. *Ezekiel 36:26–27*: God promises to put **His Spirit** in His people.
2. *John 4:7–15*: Jesus promises to give **living water** to those who ask.
3. *John 7:37–39*: Jesus identifies the **living water** as His **Spirit**.
4. *John 14:16–18*: Jesus promises that the Spirit will be **with** us and **in** us **forever**.

This means: The Holy Spirit is promised to every believer.

II. Person the Spirit

1. *John 14:16–18*: He is a **Person**; He is a “**He**.”
2. *Acts 5:3–4, 2 Cor. 3:17–18*: He is **God**; He is **Deity**.
3. *1 Cor. 2:11, 12:11*: He possesses **divine attributes**.
4. *Gen. 1:2, Titus 3:3–5*: He produces **divine works**.

This means: God’s presence is in us through the Holy Spirit!

III. Personal Relationship with the Spirit

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| 1. <i>John 14:16</i> : Our Helper/Comforter . | 5. <i>John 16:13–15</i> : He speaks to us. |
| 2. <i>John 14:26</i> : Our Teacher . | 6. <i>Acts 16:6–7</i> : He warns us. |
| 3. <i>John 16:8</i> : Our Convicter . | 7. <i>Romans 8:26–27</i> : He prays for us. |
| 4. <i>John 16:13</i> : Our Guide . | 8. <i>Eph. 4:30</i> : We can grieve Him. |

This means: We have an ongoing, intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit!

IV. Products of the Holy Spirit

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| 1. <i>Acts 1:8</i> : Power for service . | 3. <i>1 Cor. 12:7,11</i> : Spiritual gifts . |
| 2. <i>Romans 8:9–13</i> : Power over sin . | 4. <i>Gal. 5:22–23</i> : Spiritual fruit . |

This means: We will see the proof/evidence of His Spirit in our lives, and others will, too.

But, how can we practically experience the power of His Spirit in our everyday lives?

V. Personal Application for Life in the Spirit

1. *John 15:5*: We must recognize and admit: **Apart** from Him, I can do **nothing**.
2. *John 15:4, Gal. 5:16*: We must choose to **abide** in Christ and to **walk** in His Spirit.
3. The difference between abiding and walking is:
 - * abiding is to **stand**, to **stay** in close, intimate fellowship with Christ.
 - * walking is to practically live out, to **keep in step** with Christ.
4. The similarity between abiding and walking is:
 - * they both are possible through the **indwelling, empowering** Holy Spirit.
 - * they both are our **choice**, our **responsibility**.

The glorious results: * **spiritual fruit**,
* **lives that glorify God**.

The Temple: GLO-ING WITH THE FLOW PART II

Key Principle: *We glorify God in our everyday lives by choosing to be controlled by the Spirit.*

The Command: **Glorify God in your body**—1 Cor. 6:19–20

The Corinthians: **Carnal Christians**—1 Cor. 3:1–3

Definition of **carnal** = sarkikos = **fleshly**; the person in whom the **flesh** is more the ruling principle.⁶

Definition of **flesh** / **sinful nature** = sarx = sinfulness, proneness to sin, the **carnal nature**.⁷

The Characteristics: **Carnality** immature; jealous; strife; immoral; impure; acting like an **unsaved person**. 1 Cor. 3:1–3, 2 Cor. 12:20–21

Flesh / **sinful nature**: "...immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these..." Gal. 5:19–21 (NASB).

The Cure for Carnality / Flesh:

1. It's *Not*: By trying your best to **keep** the **Law** or a **legalistic** list of do's and don'ts. Rom. 3:20, 7:15–25
2. It *Is*: By being **controlled** by the **Spirit**. Rom. 8:12–13

The Commands for Spirit-Controlled Living or How to Glo with the Flow:

1. **Cleanse** yourself from sin through **confession** and repentance of sin. 1 John 1:9
 - ***Private** confession – Sins against **God alone**.
 - ***Personal** confession – Sins against **others**.
 - ***Public** confession – Sins against **the church**.
2. **Consider** yourself dead to sin and able to live for **God's glory**. Rom. 6:11, Gal. 5:24
 - *Do not allow the flesh to **control you**. Rom. 6:12
 - *Make no **provision** for the **flesh**. Rom. 13:14, 1 Pet. 2:11
 - *Put no **confidence** in the flesh for **anything**. Phil. 3:3
3. **Completely surrender** to God's control. Rom. 6:13
4. **Choose** to **obey** God. Rom. 6:19

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The Temple: FUTURE GLORY

Key Principle: *We glorify God in our everyday lives by keeping an eternal perspective and preparing for the Glory to come.*

I. Past, Present, and Future Glory:

- A. Past: *The Glory of...*
- The **Tabernacle**
 - **Solomon's** Temple
 - **Zerubbabel/Herod's** Temple
 - Jesus' **1st Coming**
- B. Present: *The Glory of...*
- The **Holy Spirit**
 - The **Believer** / NT Church
- C. Future: *The Glory of...*
- **Jesus' 2nd Coming** and millennial reign. *Zech. 12:10, 13:6, 14:4-5, 9*
 - New **heaven**, new **earth**, new **Jerusalem**. *Rev. 21:1-2*
 - God **dwelling/tabernacling** among men. *Rev. 21:3*
 - God and the Lamb as its **temple**. *Rev. 21:22*
 - God and the Lamb as its **light**. *Rev. 21:23*
 - **Kings** bringing their **glory** into it. *Rev. 21:24-26*

II. Prophecies & Promises of Future Glory:

- A. Prophecies and promises of **Jesus**.
Matthew 24:29-30, 25:31, Luke 24:25-27, 44
- B. Prophecies and promises of the **OT prophets and Psalmists**.
Isaiah 60:1-3, 63:1-4, Psalm 96-98, Malachi 3:1
- C. Prophecies and promises of the **NT apostles**.
Revelation 22:7, 12, 20, 1 John 2:28, Romans 8:18-23, 30

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- A. A life of **fellowship** with Him. *John 14:3*
- B. A life of **rest**. *Rev. 14:13*
- C. A life of **full knowledge**. *1 Cor. 13:12*
- D. A life of **holiness**. *Rev. 21:27*
- E. A life of **joy**. *Rev. 21:4*
- F. A life of **service**. *Rev. 22:3*
- G. A life of **abundance**. *Rev. 21:6*
- H. A life of **glory**. *2 Cor. 4:17*
- I. A life of **worship**. *Rev. 19:1*

III. Preparing for Future Glory:

- A. Be **heavenly minded**. *Col. 3:2*
- B. Be a **witness** to the **lost**. *Acts 1:6-8, 1 Cor. 14:24-25*
- C. Be dressed, ready, **glo-ing** and **growing** in Him. *Luke 12:35-40, Jere. 9:24*

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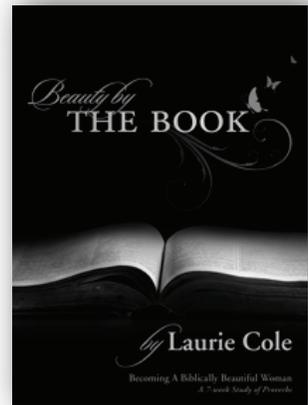
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Thank you so much for agreeing to serve as a leader for this study! You are in for a special blessing!

As a Bible study coordinator or a small group facilitator, you will prepare each week to guide the members of your class in discussion and application of their homework. There is great responsibility as well as added blessing accompanying your role. You will dig deeper and study more intently in order to be prepared to lead. Consequently, the Lord will bless you with greater insight. This leader guide is a tool that will enhance your study and preparation.

Laurie Cole has written a superior leader guide that will make a seasoned leader smile with appreciation and a novice leader feel more secure.

Highlights of this guide include:

- A clearly defined goal for the lesson/discussion.
- A suggested schedule to help guide your group discussion and prayer time.
- A “smorgasbord” of well-thought questions that will simplify your preparation and discussion time. Pick and choose from among the many scripture-based and application-based questions to customize your weekly discussion.
- A closing question for each week’s discussion that will bring your group to a point of self-examination and personal growth.

We do not think there is a leader guide available that gives you such guided preparation in facilitating a small group. Trust God to use you as you lead your group, and know this...

You'll glo, girl!

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Other resources available for this 11-week study include the workbook, and DVD and audio CD lectures by Laurie Cole. For more information, visit the Priority Ministries online store at www.priorityministries.org/shop.



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