

A person in a black long-sleeved shirt and black pants with white trim at the cuffs stands on a concrete pier, looking out over a large blue lake. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains under a cloudy sky. The text 'TUNE IN:' is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

TUNE IN:

STUDY GUIDE



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LEADER'S GUIDE:

This study guide is provided to help you lead a fun and transformative eGroup study over the next few weeks that will see each person in your group progress and grow.

Use this guide, along with the DVDs and weekly Study Guides, for a life-changing, interactive experience.

BEFORE YOU MEET:

Ask God to prepare the hearts and minds of the people in your eGroup. Ask Him to show each of you how to apply what you learn to your own heart to see growth and to move forward.

Preview the DVD and read through the study guide for that week. Think about what you might answer for each question. Make notes in your study guide if you want to.

SETTING UP:

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

Have a Bible handy for verses that you might want to look up during discussion.

HOW TO HOST YOUR GATHERING AND USE YOUR STUDY GUIDE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUGGESTED TIME FRAMES FOR YOUR GATHERING:

ENGAGE: 15 minutes

RECAP: 10 minutes

WATCH: 10 minutes

DISCUSS: 30 minutes

PRAY: 5-10 minutes

ACTIVATE: 5 minutes

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

KEYS TO A DYNAMIC EGROUP:

Relationships

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

Availability

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

Mutual Respect

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

Openness

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

Confidentiality

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

Shared Responsibility

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

Sensitivity

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

Fun!

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

WEEK ONE

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other

WATCH: Watch Session One of the DVD

DISCUSS:

Key Verse: My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me - John 10:27 NIV

There are many voices around us that we can listen to: advertisements, social media, family, and even our own flesh are vying for our attention.

Question: What are a few of the voices that most attract your attention?

Jesus promises that we will hear and know His voice. As we get to know Him better, we learn to recognise His voice and trust that we have heard Him.

Question: What do you think is the best way to learn to trust Jesus and get to know His voice? Is there only one way to do this?

'Tuning in' to God's voice, and tuning out the other voices around you can be challenging.

Question: How do you position yourself to hear God's voice? What works for you?

People have different ways of confirming that they have heard from God. James 3:17 says that "...the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

Question: What does this verse tell you about the voice of God, and could it help you recognise His voice?

Ps Bill shares from his experience of how he heard from God to return all that he had taken from people.

Question: Have you had an experience of God telling you to do something that required extreme obedience?

Sometimes God speaks to us, and we don't even realise it.

Question: How do you know that you've heard from God about a certain situation, person etc?

PRAY: Pray that you will hear clearly and directly from God this week and for specific promptings.

ACTIVATE: Spend some time intentionally tuning in to God this week, and putting all the other voices around you into the background. Write down anything that you feel God speaks to you in this time.

WEEK TWO

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other

RECAP: Did you make some time to tune in to God during the week? What happened?

WATCH: Watch Session Two of the DVD

DISCUSS:

Key Verse: But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you - John 16:7

You will have noticed that this session was all about the Holy Spirit, who is present in our lives to speak to us and help us at any time.

Question: What stood out for you in this session?

The early Church was told to wait expectantly until they received power, which came when they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Question: What is the power from the Holy Spirit useful for in our daily lives as believers?

The Holy Spirit has many names in the Bible. He is a helper, a revealer of truth, a teacher, He gives us wisdom and insight and He guides us. He is a real person, and He has a vital role in our lives.

Question: Have you experienced the Holy Spirit speaking to you or working in your life in any of these ways? How did He help you?

The Holy Spirit is one with our spirit, and He is always wanting to speak to us. He wants to communicate specifically with us.

Question: How do you think we can build a relationship with the Holy Spirit?

In this session, they discuss how the Holy Spirit gives you things to say when you don't know what to say in conversations with unbelievers.

Question: Have you been in a situation where the Holy Spirit has given you something to say when you didn't know what to say?

Ps Bill explains how sometimes the Holy Spirit will give you a 'heads-up' about something that will happen (word of knowledge).

Question: Have you had the Holy Spirit give you a 'heads-up' about a situation or person before? How did you feel about that?

PRAY: Pray for each other that the Holy Spirit would help you each get to know Him better, and learn to trust His voice as He speaks to you.

ACTIVATE: Ask the Holy Spirit for help this week with anything that you're finding challenging. Write down in your journal any ways that He responded to your prayer and helped you this week.

WEEK THREE

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other

RECAP: Share any ways the Holy Spirit helped you during the week when you asked Him.

WATCH: Watch Session Three of the DVD

DISCUSS:

Key Verse: Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church - 1 Corinthians 1:14

When you receive the Holy Spirit, the evidence is a supernatural language; “speaking in tongues.”

Question: If you have received the gift of speaking tongues, what was your first experience like?

God is Spirit, and we too are spiritual beings. The gift of tongues allows our spirit to ‘tune in’ with God’s spirit, and receive revelation from Him.

Question: Why do you think we may not always be ‘in tune’ with God’s voice?

Ps Bill says “our relationship with the Holy Spirit is not an ‘add-on’ of our relationship. It’s part of your Christian life.”

Question: Why would people think that the Holy Spirit is an ‘add-on’ to their Christian lives?

Ps Bill said that speaking in tongues helps to unlock and release the other spiritual gifts.

Question: Why might speaking in tongues help to activate other gifts in your life?

The gift of tongues is available to anyone. We simply need to desire and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us. We receive the Holy Spirit in the same way that we receive Jesus and salvation, by faith.

Question: Why do you think desire is important when asking for the Holy Spirit to fill you?

PRAY: Is there anyone who wants to receive the Holy Spirit in your group? Pray for them as a group, asking the Holy Spirit to fill them. Invite Him to release His gifts, and the gift of speaking in tongues in their life.

Remember - every gift is received by faith, so encourage each other to take a step of faith and begin practicing this gift, believing that when you simply ask, God gives you what you have asked for.

ACTIVATE: Spend time this week praying in your supernatural language, or invite the Holy Spirit to help you 'tune in' to what He is speaking to you personally about this week.

WEEK FOUR

ENGAGE: Spend time connecting with each other

RECAP: Share testimonies from last week's ACTIVATE challenge

WATCH: Watch Session Four of the DVD

DISCUSS:

Key Verse: Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin... - Zechariah 4:10 NLT

Once you've heard the voice of God, what next?

Question: What are the four phases that Ps Bill mentioned for stepping out on what God's spoken?

The first phase when making a major decision is the 'sowing phase.'

Question: Have you ever had an 'ah-ha' moment, when the Holy Spirit has 'dropped' something into your spirit and you knew He was speaking to you?

The second phase was the phase where the seed begins to grow and take root. You begin to feel drawn by God to things that relate to what He spoke to you about. This is a good time to test out what He has said, and ask questions.

Question: What do you think would be good questions to ask God in this phase?

One of the phases mentioned is the 'watered seed' phase. This is when God confirms what He's spoken, and trains us how to take the small steps first.

Question: What are some ways that God could confirm what He's spoken?

Proverbs 11:14 says "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." It's important to have a multitude of counsellors when making decisions

Question: What do you look out for when selecting the people to receive counsel and advice from?

In the 'reaping phase' we begin to step out and take hold of what God has spoken to us about. Zechariah 4:10 says "Do not despise these small beginnings."

Question: How do the small steps and decisions you make prepare you for the bigger ones?

PRAY: Pray that God would show each of you how to take steps of faith in response to what He's spoken to you.

ACTIVATE: Decide what phase you may be in and spend some time talking to God about what the next step is for you.

