

## Guide for Growth Group Hosts

### The Story of the Bible

#### THINK ABOUT IT

What was your biggest takeaway from the message this week? Share it with the group.

#### MAIN GROWTH GROUP SCRIPTURE

*"All Scripture is God-breathed..."* **2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)**

#### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- Why is the scripture above so important as it relates to the Bible?
- We can trust that the Bible is true because it is thematically unified. The Bible was written over the span of many years by various authors, yet it tells one unified story. What story is that?
- Sometimes we get so caught up in the individual Bible stories that we miss *THE* main story of the Bible. Where should we keep our focus when there are stories that we don't understand in the Bible?
- James, the brother of Jesus, believed that Jesus was the Messiah. What does this tell us about Jesus and the Bible?
- (Read the Verse Below) We can trust that the Bible is true because it is prophetically accurate. The Old Testament paved the way for the coming Messiah (Jesus) and the early church. What point was Jesus emphasizing in this verse as it relates to the Old Testament?

*Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. **Luke 24:25-27 (NLT)***

- Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies. The statistical odds of completing just 8 prophecies are 1 in 17 with 17 zeros after it. What does this reveal about Jesus and the Bible?
- (Read the Verse on the Next Page) The Bible points us toward Jesus. How does this change your perspective when reading the Bible?

*"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to Me!" John 5:39 (NLT)*

- (Read the Verse Below) The Bible tells us that Jesus is the way. What does that verse mean? Discuss it in the group.

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 (NLT)*

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

Jesus wants to have a relationship with you. But it doesn't stop there. He also wants to have a relationship with those around you. Who could you invite to church next week? Who could you share the Gospel with tomorrow? Make a list and share it with the group.

### **DIVE DEEPER**

**Go deeper during the week!**

- A great way to dive deeper and learn more about Jesus is by reading **God's Word** daily. Commit to reading for at least 5 minutes per day to start. Here is a bible reading guide to help you take your next steps in that area: <https://experienceheritage.org/next-steps/read-the-bible>
- Read the **daily devotionals** each day found at [www.experienceheritage.org/blog](http://www.experienceheritage.org/blog). You can sign up to have them delivered daily to your email inbox by clicking here: <http://experienceheritage.org/Devotionals>.
- During your daily quiet time with God, read this **memory verse** and think about its meaning:

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- **Watch the messages** online at [www.experienceheritage.org/messages](http://www.experienceheritage.org/messages).

### **PRAYER GUIDANCE**

Have the participants in your group share their prayer requests. Have different people pray for the prayer requests that were submitted.