

# FACILITATOR GUIDE

# WEEK 3



# Preparation

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## WEEK THREE OBJECTIVE:

The focus of the homework and the Prayer Experience is to know God, to believe He still speaks, and to hear His voice.



### Read

Read pages 31-36. (We will use an additional booklet to facilitate the Prayer Experience.)



### Communicate

Encourage your group mid-week and remind them about the fast and the Prayer Experience, and if you are having a story shared this week, connect with the individual(s) who signed up about sharing.



### Pray

- Pray that there would be openness in the group to share and be honest about what stumbling blocks they have experienced with Prayer in the past.
- Pray that they would understand God's desire to have a personal and intimate relationship with them through His Word and Prayer.
- Pray your group would be open to the Prayer Experience and that they would hear from God in an intimate and personal way.



# Prayer Experience

## 01 Sunday Groups

Though the Facilitator guide says something to the contrary, the order for the evening needs to be as follows to cause the least amount of distraction during everyone's prayer experience:

4:00 - Arrival/story/icebreaker

4:30 - Group prayer experience starts

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5:00 - Individual prayer experience needs to start for everyone (there will be a mass shuffle as people move throughout the building). If your group gets to this part before 5:00, please wait until 5:00 to dismiss people from the room.

6:00 - Individual prayer experience ends and participants are to be back in their rooms.

6:00 - 7:00 - Communion breaks the fast, group eats together (a light meal will be put in rooms during the individual prayer experience time). Group discusses the prayer experience and the discussion questions from the homework for the week, then group dismisses no later than 7:00.



# Prayer Experience Continued

## 02 Prayer Experience Booklet

Facilitate from your Facilitator Prayer Experience Booklet.

## 03 Prayer Supplies

Please have the individuals keep any of the items they would like. If the individuals do not want to keep some or all of the elements, then those can be sorted into item-specific piles in the room, and Elijah will pick them up at the end of the night.

## 04 Debrief

Discuss during dinner:

What did you like or learn from the prayer experience?

Is there a part that stood out as more impactful to you?

What did you write on your Rock?



# When You Gather

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## 01 Memorization

Review the Memory Verses -Romans 8:1-2 and Ephesians 6:17-18. Hand out the new memory verse for next week: Philippians 4:6-7.

## 02 Ice Breakers

What was your favorite band/artist when you were growing up? (or whatever else you'd like to discuss).

## 03 Introduction Questions

What do you love/hate about caller I.D.? Do you use it to screen your calls? If you do not recognize a number, do you let it go to voicemail? Why or why not?

## 04 Discussion

Pick a question from each day for the homework to discuss with the group on page 34.



# Gathering Continued

## 05 Questions

**What is the biggest challenge you have to reading or studying God's Word?**

How about believing or following God's Word? Does any of what you've read today (Day 2) surprise you? Why?

Do you feel like God speaks to people as clearly today as He did in biblical times? How has God spoken to you?

**What might keep you from really wanting to hear what God wants to say to you?**

What was your understanding and your relationship with the Holy Spirit up to this point? What is it now?

How can you keep in step with the Holy Spirit?

**In light of today's (Day 3) reading, where do you want to invite the Holy Spirit to be present in your life?**

What thoughts or new ideas do you have about prayer?

**What is more challenging for you: speaking to God or listening to God? Why?**

**What excites you, and what seems daunting as you think about establishing a regular time to read the Bible and pray?**

What book of the Bible do you want to read/study first?

## 06 Pray

Ask for prayer requests, and close your time with prayer for God to bless your group and time together.

