

# FACILITATOR GUIDE

# WEEK 4



# Preparation

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## WEEK FOUR FOCUS:

Suffering and where is God in the midst of their stories.



### Read

Read pages 40-43 of the Facilitator Guide.



### Communicate

Encourage your group mid-week and remind them to come with their calendars to discuss the Serve Experience, send a reminder to who is bringing snacks, and to the individual(s) about sharing their 2-5 minute story.



### Pray

- Pray for deeper connections within your group as a result of the prayer experience and that experience God and their relationships with Him in a new way.
- Pray for openness in sharing as your group moves into the next two weeks of suffering, strongholds, and finding freedom. That God would draw everyone to a place of surrender to Him.
- Pray for attentiveness and compassion listener God will guide your discussion and the ability to ask good questions to aid in everyone sharing.
- Lastly, pray for God to reveal whether to continue as the small group leader or for him to show you whom He wants to be the future small group leader.



# When You Gather

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## 01 Memorize

Review the Memory Verse—Romans 8:1-2, Ephesians 6:17-18, and Philippians 4:6-7.

## 02 Debrief

Share anything that comes to mind about the prayer experience. How has it impacted your week?

## 03 Ice Breakers

What have you always wanted to do, but were too afraid to try?

## 04 Introduction Questions

When you were a kid, did your parents ever make you give up something that was yours, and you knew it was not fair but had to do it anyway?



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# Gathering Continued

## 08 Discuss

This may be the time in your group when you can simply start the conversation by asking the people in your group, "What did you get out of this week's materials?" or, "What was your favorite part from this week?" and then work from that point.

## 09 More Questions (if needed)

If answers tend to come only from many years ago, encourage them to tell of times God has moved in their lives recently.

**All of us have gone through times of despair or feeling completely alone. In that time, what were your feelings about your situation and about God?**

What lessons learned from David's life can help you through these challenging times?

Describe a time when you felt hopeless.

**Describe a time when, despite your circumstances, you have had hope from the Lord.**

Describe your feelings of "double-fisted faith." Is this idea a struggle for you? Or do you embrace it?

**When have you had to clench your fists and cling tightly to God's promises, not knowing the outcome of the situation?**

What would it take to completely surrender your life to God?



# Gathering Continued

## 10 Questions Continued

What is a care in your life you need to give over to God right now?

What challenges are you facing now that are helping transform your character to be more like Christ's?

Where do you see God's hand working in your circumstances?

## 11 Upcoming

Prepare your group for next week - Strongholds. Strongholds week is powerful and moving. Homework will take a bit more time. Let them know they will be sharing their stronghold struggles in the group in a way that is sensitive, confidential, and honoring to God by praying over each other. Also, let your group know you will be praying for them throughout the week. Remind them of the Serve Experience date to make sure they have it on the calendar.

## 12 Pray

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

