

## SMALL GROUP STARTER GUIDE

"How do we wait well?" from 12/30

### RESOLUTIONS

Make a resolution do three things:

1. Read the bible.
2. Pray
3. Fellowship

### READ THE BIBLE

Leaders read the following scriptures or have the folks in your group read them aloud.

- The Word of God is spiritual nourishment! "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)
- The Word of God is Life to us! "The words that I speak to you are life." (John 6:63) Woodrow Wilson said, "I am sorry for men who do not read the Bible every day. I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and pleasure."
- The Word of God is addicting! The more you read God's Word the more you will come to love it. You will find it not only food but a rich dessert! You will say with David, "How sweet are thy Words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." (Psalm 119:103)
- The Word of God gives us hope! "For whatsoever things were written for our learning, that we all through patience and comfort of the Scripture might have hope." (Romans 15:4)
- The Word of God is Truth! (John 17:17)
- The Word of God is like a seed that grows in your heart! (Luke 8:11)

Plant the seed of God's Word in your life, and you will reap the blessings. – The Word of God gives us faith! Only those who continue in God's Word come to know the place of faith.

### DISCUSSION

- When was the last time you read something in your Bible that you could not get off your mind? What was it? Why was it so important to you?
- What is your best experience in reading the Bible?
- Describe your ideal quiet time or Bible reading time (location, topic, and time of day, with whom.) It comes by hearing the Word of God. (Romans 10:17)

### PRAY

Why should we pray? Have you Small Group members alternate in reading the following passages.

- Pray because God commands it. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Pray because it's effective. (James 5:16, Matthew 7:7)
- Pray because it brings peace. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- Pray because it brings healing. (1 Chronicles 7:14)

How to pray:

- Pray with faith. (James 1:6)
- Pray your requests. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- Pray selflessly. (James 4:3)
- Pray according to His Will. (1 John 5:14)
- Pray with thankfulness. (Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

### DISCUSSION

1. How often do you pray each day?
2. Describe how you pray? Do you kneel? Do you walk? Why?
3. How do you address God? Why?

### FELLOWSHIP

It is a proven fact that one of the best war tactics is to divide and conquer. The Devil knows this and has become an expert technician in separating and isolating the brethren. We do need each other.

Leaders read the following verses or have people read them for you.

"Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:12)

### COMMIT

This year, commit:

1. Come to Church weekly
2. Be part of a Small Group!
3. Find a way to serve others