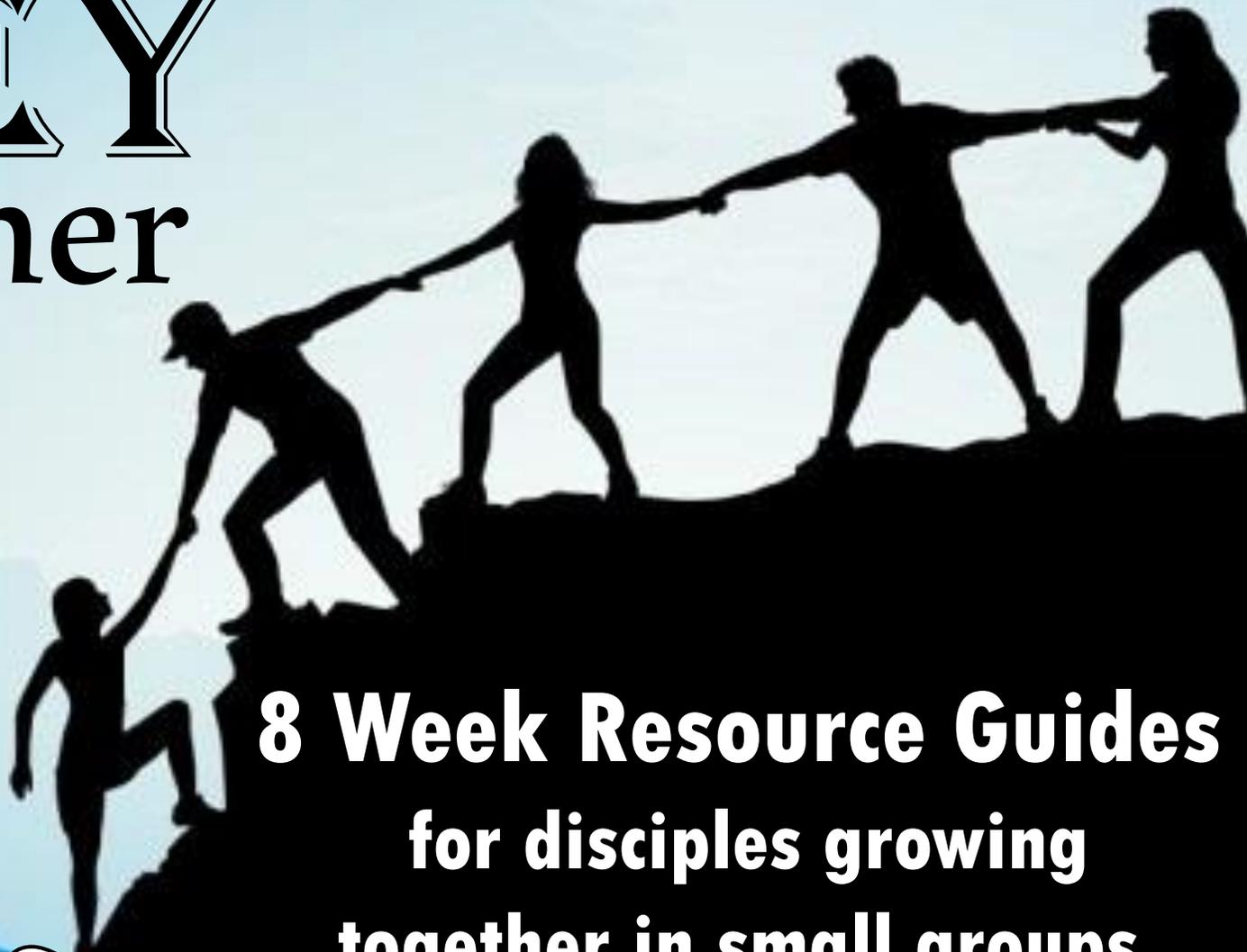


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8 Week Resource Guides
for disciples growing
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CHAPTERS 1&2

Step 1: GET REAL

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What are you thankful for from this past week?

What struggles did you face this past week?

What can you share from recent personal Bible reading or thoughts?

Step 2: GET FED

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 2:11-16; JAMES 1:21; ISA. 55:11; ROM. 6:17

- **WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 2:11-12 ABOUT BOTH BEING A PARENT, AND HELPING OTHERS “LIVE LIVES WORTHY OF GOD?” (2:12)**
- **IN 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13 PAUL DESCRIBED HOW THEY RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THEIR EXAMPLE ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD ALL ACCEPT GOD WORD?**
- **WHY DO YOU BELIEVE SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE TROUBLE ACCEPTING GOD’S WORD AS IT IS SO THAT IT CHANGES THEIR HEARTS AND LIVES?**
- **HOW CAN WE HAVE, NOT ONLY AN ACCEPTANCE OF GOD’S WORD, BUT A LOVE AND HUNGER FOR IT?**
- **THE “WORD OF GOD” WAS “INDEED AT WORK IN” THE THESSALONIANS. HOW IS THE WORD OF GOD CURRENTLY AT WORK IN YOU? (Be as specific as possible.)**
- **THE THESSALONIAN CHRISTIANS SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THEIR BELIEF IN CHRIST (2:14). WHAT ENCOURAGEMENT DOES GOD GIVE THEM THAT CAN ENCOURAGE US WHEN WE SUFFER?**

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 2:17-20; ROM 1:11-12; PHILIPPIANS 1:8; 4:1

- **PAUL EXPRESSES HOW BEING SEPARATED (2:17) FROM THE THESSALONIANS CREATED AN “INTENSE LONGING” TO SEE THE THEM. HOW HAS (OR DID) BEING SEPARATED FROM THE LARGER BODY OF CHRIST HERE DURING THE COVID 19 OUTBREAK IMPACTED YOU?**
- **PAUL WROTE “FOR WE WANTED TO COME TO YOU...BUT SATAN BLOCKED OUR WAY.” (2:18) WHY DOES SATAN NOT WANT FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST TO FELLOWSHIP? HOW DOES HE “BLOCK OUR WAY” OR TRY TO KEEP GOD’S PEOPLE TODAY FROM COMING TOGETHER?**
- **HOW DOES BEING WITH GOD’S PEOPLE ON A REGULAR BASIS IMPACT YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?**

Step 3: GET ACTIVE

SEEK TO TRULY CONNECT WITH GOD'S PEOPLE AND GOD'S WORD

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- (1) CONNECT WITH ONE OR TWO OF YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS IN CHRIST THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS. ENCOURAGE THEM AND ASK THEM SPECIFICALLY HOW THE LAST FEW CHAOTIC MONTHS OF SEPARATION, UNREST, DIVISION AND DIFFICULTY IN OUR WORLD HAS AFFECTED THEM. IF YOU ARE WILL, EXPRESS HOW IT HAS AFFECTED YOU.
 - (2) TAKE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES EACH DAY THIS WEEK AND READ GOD'S WORD WITH THE INTENT TO LET IT "WORK IN YOU," CONSIDERING HOW YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO CHANGE THROUGH IT.