

HANDCRAFTED

ICEBREAKER

If you could pick up a certain skill instantly, what would it be and why?

SCRIPTURE

- **John 15:1-8** - Life With Jesus
- **Romans 8:1-4** - Benefits of Belonging
- **1 John 5:11-12** - God's Testimony

SUMMARY

We get it into our heads that we are supposed to do life on our own. If we can't do it we are worthless trash; destined for death. All of this would be true if we were meant to do it on our own...but were we?

BEFORE YOU MEET

- Read the scripture reference(s) and the discussion topics.
- Pray for your meeting and group.
- Be the first to smile!

AS YOU CLOSE

- Remind people to pray
- Update the prayer journal
- Give praise reports and updates
- Follow up with your group midweek

DISCUSSION

These discussion questions can be a helpful guide as you lead your group through this week's Sunday message content.

Personal

- If you could fix one thing about yourself, what would you change and why?
- Have you tried before? How did it go or why didn't you try?

John 15:1-8

- From this passage what do we learn about Jesus? About ourselves? About our relationship with Jesus?
- Re-read **verses 5-6**: What are the requirements of the relationship?
- How are you meeting those requirements?

Personal

There are areas ("hidden secrets") in our lives that we keep from God.

- What do you think would happen if others knew about those areas?
- What do you think would happen if God had control over those areas?

Romans 8:1-4

- What does Paul say in **verse 1** that God will think of us when he has control of our **entire** life?
- What is stopping you from turning control of your "hidden secrets" over to God?

Personal

When we take on the burden of "making ourselves right", we also take on the consequences of not making it. A life lived without Jesus in control is a life destined for death.

- Do you feel that Jesus is enough?