

## Canvas Life Groups: *TALK IT OVER*

### HOST HELPS

**Week #1 Greatest Mystery Series: Self Leadership**

**Message Title: CEO of Me**

#### Preparing to Lead Your Group

##### Pray:

- Thank God for the people you get to share life with. Ask for God's wisdom and discernment, Invite Jesus to lead tonight's group and that you will be His instrument to lead the group.

##### Enhancing Your Group Time:

- **DON'T BE A FIXER!** I am a fix it person by nature. I love fixing things around the house, but my favorite things to fix are people's prayer needs or the problems they share with our group. This is dysfunctional behavior! It is the Holy Spirit's role to "fix" people and their life challenges. It is our role as group members to **pray with** our fellow group members, come alongside to comfort and encourage, but not to give advice or offer our solutions for their challenges. So if you are a "fixer" or an advice giver like me, ask the Holy Spirit to **humble your heart and close your mouth** so He can do His job in and through your group. (See James 1:19; 5:15-16)
- **Speak words of affirmation**, What you appreciate about the group or individuals. (See Hebrews 10:24-25)
- **Moving Us Forward:** Encourage your group to share through the lens of moving forward. Past experiences are means to propel us forward towards healthy God honoring lives. **Instead of sharing what you have done in the past, express what you will do moving forward.** (See Phil. 3:13)

##### Being a Better Leader:

- **Share "Wins"&"Word" weekly!** This can be a powerful time of worship for your group as you declare what God is teaching you and doing in and through you. (See Psalm 103)
- **Doing Life together:** Go to coffee, share a meal or a hike during the week with a couple of people from the group. Be intentional about building relationships with group folks.
- **Loving others together:** Pray about and plan **who you can bless** as a group. Who do you know needs the love of God expressed through His people. (A co-worker, neighbor, family member in need) (Genesis 12:2)
- **Better Together:** Encourage your group to attend a gathering or serve together.

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### Week #1 CEO of Me

**Communicator:** Kevin Geer

**Big idea of the message:** Identifying who God says you are

**Central text/s:** Romans 7:15; 1 Corinthians 6:19b-20

**Wins and Words of the Week:** Take time to share **Wins**, what God did, and **Word**, what God shared with you from His word that moved you forward and closer to Jesus.

**Ice Breaker:** What job did you imagine having as a child? How closely did real life parallel that dream?

### **Gather** questions are more God (Upward) focused, moving us closer to Jesus

1. Read Mark 8:27-29 Jesus asks the eternal question, “who do you say I am?” Discuss both what other people say about Him, and what you say about Him.
2. Give some examples of what a life of 100% of God being the “owner” and you the “CEO” look like to you? How can you encourage each other towards that 100%?
3. How does Matt 6:24 address the difficulty of ‘partnering with God?’
4. Some of the words God uses for us: masterpiece, chosen, dearly loved, friends, His children, forgiven...Which one/s speaks loudest to you? How will you implement that “word” into your life?

### **Grow** questions are more “one another” (Inward) focused, moving us closer to each other

5. Given Kevin’s org chart of responsibilities, what are some distinctives of CEOs? Of owners? How well do you keep those responsibilities separate? What are the areas of tension between these two for you?
6. Read Romans 7:15 What might be one area of tension that you feel in your life that agrees with Paul’s statement? How can other people help you navigate that tension area to help move you forward in your faith?
7. Read Romans 8:17 What comes to mind when you read that God calls you His children and His heir?

### **Go!** questions are more missional and applicable (Outward) focused, moving us closer to our unsaved world

8. What are some labels you have adopted as life has happened? How has God been rewriting the labels He wants to give you? What are some of those new labels?
9. Who will you share the word (label) God says is true about you? How can you encourage them with “your word”?

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### Application: “Putting Feet on our Faith”

- What specific steps will I/We take to live out what we just discussed?
- Who can we share this message or truth with? What is their name?
- Who are you praying for to know Jesus? What is their name?
- Who will I partner with to keep me accountable so I/We can grow?

### Week # 1 Daily Reading: Proverbs

1. Proverbs 1
2. Proverbs 2
3. Proverbs 3
4. Proverbs 4

### Group Prayer Time:

- Ask if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer “unspoken” prayer requests.
- Pray for the person on your left, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Subgroup:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Share answers to prayer as Wins!**