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# Leader Guide

## Session Title: Celebrating God's Faithfulness and Embracing Our Mission

**Objective:** To reflect on God's faithfulness over the past 18 years, to celebrate the journey of New Life Church, and to encourage group members to actively participate in God's ongoing mission.

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### Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

- Begin with a prayer, thanking God for His faithfulness and asking for His guidance during the discussion.
- Announcements: Men's night, Sept 21. First Wednesday Sept 4th is a circle up!!

### watch short video

### Scripture Reading (10 minutes)

- **Primary Text:** Hebrews 12:1-3
- **Supporting Text:** Hebrews 11:32-40
- **Read Aloud:** Have a group member read Hebrews 12:1-3 and another read Hebrews 11:32-40.

### Discussion Questions (30-40 minutes)

#### 1. Reflecting on the Sermon:

- What part of the sermon stood out to you the most, and why?
- How did the story of New Life Church's journey resonate with your own faith

journey?

## 2. **God's Faithfulness:**

- Share a personal story where you experienced God's faithfulness in your life.
- How can remembering God's past faithfulness help us face current challenges?

## 3. **Embracing the Mission:**

- The sermon emphasized the importance of reaching out to others. How can we, as a group, actively participate in this mission?
- What are some practical ways we can show the love of Jesus to those around us?

## 4. **Personal Commitment:**

- The pastor mentioned the importance of not just saying "You can have it all, God," but truly living it out. What steps can you take to ensure you are living out this commitment?
- Are there any "breadsticks" in your life that are distracting you from the main course, which is Jesus? How can you set them aside?

## 5. **Encouragement and Support:**

- How can we support each other in our faith journeys and in our mission to reach others?
- What are some specific ways we can pray for each other this week?

# Action Steps (10 minutes)

- **Group Challenge:** are you people serving anywhere?? get them connected
- **Personal Challenge:** Encourage each member to spend time in prayer and reflection, asking God to reveal any areas of their life that need to be surrendered to Him.

# Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

- Close the session with a prayer, asking God to help each member live out their commitment to Him and to bless their efforts in reaching out to others.
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