

DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

A Life-Group guide for sermon discussion, personal reflection, and next steps



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

As disciples, we're called not just to be informed but to be transformed into people who look more like Jesus—in our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. This guide helps you apply what we're learning at New Life Church to your weekly rhythms. Use it to engage in daily Bible reading, have meaningful conversations with your group, and take clear next steps in following Jesus.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

This week, Pastor Dan Smith taught that **El Olam** - the Everlasting God - sees further than we do and is working beyond today. In **Genesis 21:25-33**, Abraham dug a well, made a covenant, planted a tamarisk tree, and called on the Lord because he believed God's purposes would outlive him. The message moves from El Olam to the **Ancient of Days** and the **Alpha and Omega**, calling us to trust God's plan, God's rule, and God's outcome. When life feels uncertain, the God who stands outside of time is already in your tomorrow.

RESOURCES

- [Sunday's Sermon](#)
- [Table Talk Podcast](#)
- [Download the New Life Church app](#)

KEY VERSE

"Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Eternal God."

Genesis 21:33

GROUP DISCUSSION



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read **Genesis 21:25-33**. Abraham digs a well, makes a covenant, plants a tamarisk tree, and calls on El Olam. What do these actions reveal about his faith in God's future?
- The sermon described Abraham as digging wells he may never drink from and planting trees he may never sit under. Where is God asking you to invest in faith for a future you may not fully see?
- Read **Daniel 7:9-14**. What stands out about the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man when kings come and go and empires rise and fall?
- Where does life feel shaken, divided, or outside your control right now? What would it look like to trust that God is still on the throne and is never surprised?
- When you think about wars, the economy, division, or pervasive evil, what fear most tries to lead you? How does Daniel's vision reshape that fear?
- Read **Revelation 1:8** and **Philippians 1:6**. How do these passages help you trust that your life is not random, your suffering is not final, and God finishes what He starts?
- Which phrase do you most need this week: **Trust His Plan**, **Trust His Rule**, or **Trust His Outcome**? Why?
- The gospel invitation reminded us that the eternal God stepped into time through Jesus Christ. Who needs that hope from you this week, and what is one faithful next step you can take?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Plant a tamarisk tree this week - choose one action that trusts God beyond today. **Know God** by praying over Genesis 21:33 each morning. **Find Freedom** by surrendering one outcome you cannot control. **Discover Purpose** by taking one faithful step that can outlive you. **Make a Difference** by investing in someone else's future through encouragement, service, or a gospel conversation.

PRAYER GUIDE

Pray together: Everlasting God, help us trust Your plan when we cannot see, Your rule when life feels out of control, and Your outcome when we worry about the end. Teach us to live faithfully today for purposes that outlive us. Give us courage to follow Jesus and point others to eternal life in Him. Amen.

CLOSING THOUGHT

"I am the Alpha and the Omega... who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." - Revelation 1:8

The Everlasting God is not reacting to your circumstances. He sees the beginning, holds the present, and has already secured the end in Christ. Live this week with steady faith because He is already in your tomorrow.