

DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

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



NAMES OF GOD | EL QANNA - JEALOUS GOD | PASTOR DAN SMITH | JUNE 14, 2026

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 Qanna** - the Jealous God - is not insecure, petty, or envious. God is jealous because He alone is worthy of all worship, trust, love, and allegiance. In **Exodus 20:5** and **Exodus 34:14**, Qanna confronts the rivals of the heart: anything we bow to, serve, trust, fear, chase, or build our identity around more than God. The message calls us to **give God undivided worship, trust His covenant love, and live with holy zeal** because Jesus rescues idolaters and brings them home.

RESOURCES

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

KEY VERSE

"Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."

Exodus 34:14

GROUP DISCUSSION



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read **Exodus 20:5** and **Exodus 34:14**. How is God's jealousy different from human insecurity, envy, or control?
- The sermon said, **God is jealous because He alone is worthy of everything**. What rival most often competes for your worship, trust, love, or allegiance?
- Qanna asks: What are you bowing to, serving, trusting, or afraid to lose? Which question exposes something God may be asking you to surrender?
- Pastor Dan taught that good things become idols when they become ultimate. What good thing in your life can most easily move from gift to god?
- Read **Exodus 34:14**. How does the covenant or marriage picture help you understand God's exclusive, protective love?
- The sermon said, **Qanna is not against you. He is against whatever is stealing you**. Where might God's correction be an act of mercy in your life?
- What would it look like this week to **live with holy zeal** - being serious about what God calls holy and passionate about what honors Him?
- Read **Romans 10:9**. How does the gospel move us beyond naming our idols and into surrendering fully to Jesus?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Return to Qanna this week by removing one rival from the throne of your heart. **Know God** by naming the idol and worshiping Him first each day. **Find Freedom** by repenting of divided worship and receiving His correction as mercy. **Discover Purpose** by ordering your gifts, relationships, work, and dreams around His glory. **Make a Difference** by living with holy zeal in one visible act of obedience that points someone toward Jesus.

PRAYER GUIDE

Pray together: Jealous God, reveal the rivals in our hearts. Forgive our divided worship and teach us to trust Your covenant love. Rescue us from anything stealing our affection, identity, or obedience. Form holy zeal in us so our homes, work, relationships, and witness honor Your name. Amen.

CLOSING THOUGHT

**"Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."
Exodus 34:14**

Qanna is not trying to control us; He is calling us home. The God who refuses rivals is also the God who rescues idolaters through Jesus. Return fully, trust His covenant love, and live undivided for His glory.