

DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

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



NAMES OF GOD | YHWH: THE GOD WHO CREATES, COVERS, AND CALLS | PASTOR DAN SMITH | JUNE 21, 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 **YHWH** is not only the Creator over everything but the personal, covenant God who **forms us personally, meets us in our need, and calls us to reverent obedience**. In **Genesis 2:4**, YHWH is revealed as the Lord who creates with purpose and relationship. In **Genesis 2:21**, He sees Adam's need and works while Adam rests. In **Deuteronomy 6:2**, He calls His people to holy reverence that shapes generations. The message invites us to find our identity in the God who made us, trust Him with what we cannot fix, and obey in a way that teaches the next generation to honor the Lord.

RESOURCES

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

KEY VERSE

"In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens."
Genesis 2:4

GROUP DISCUSSION



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read **Genesis 2:4**. What does it reveal that YHWH is introduced as the personal, covenant name of God?
- Pastor Dan taught that YHWH is not only Creator over everything; He is Lord in relationship with His creation. Where do you need to recover a sense that God knows you personally?
- What failure, pressure, or opinion has been trying to define your identity? How can you find your identity in the God who made you this week?
- Read **Genesis 2:21**. Adam had a need he could not solve on his own, but YHWH saw the need before Adam had the solution. What need are you trying to fix through striving?
- The sermon notes say, **God worked while Adam rested**. What would surrender look like in a place where you have been trying to control the outcome?
- Read **Deuteronomy 6:2**. How does reverent obedience differ from rule-keeping or fear-based religion?
- How might your obedience shape the people who come after you - children, students, coworkers, family members, or people you lead?
- Which part of this message do you most need right now: find identity in YHWH, trust Him with what you cannot fix, or walk in reverent obedience?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This week, choose one place to stop striving and one place to obey. **Know God** by reading Genesis 2 and remembering you are made with purpose. **Find Freedom** by surrendering what you cannot fix. **Discover Purpose** by asking how your obedience can bless the next generation. **Make a Difference** by modeling reverence for the Lord in one visible choice at home, work, school, or church.

PRAYER GUIDE

Pray together: YHWH, thank You for forming us with purpose, meeting us in our need, and calling us into reverent obedience. Help us stop striving, surrender what we cannot fix, and honor You for the sake of the next generation. Amen.

CLOSING THOUGHT

"The LORD God made the earth and the heavens."

Genesis 2:4

YHWH is not distant. He creates with purpose, covers our need, and calls us to reverent obedience. Rest in His care and respond with faithful surrender.