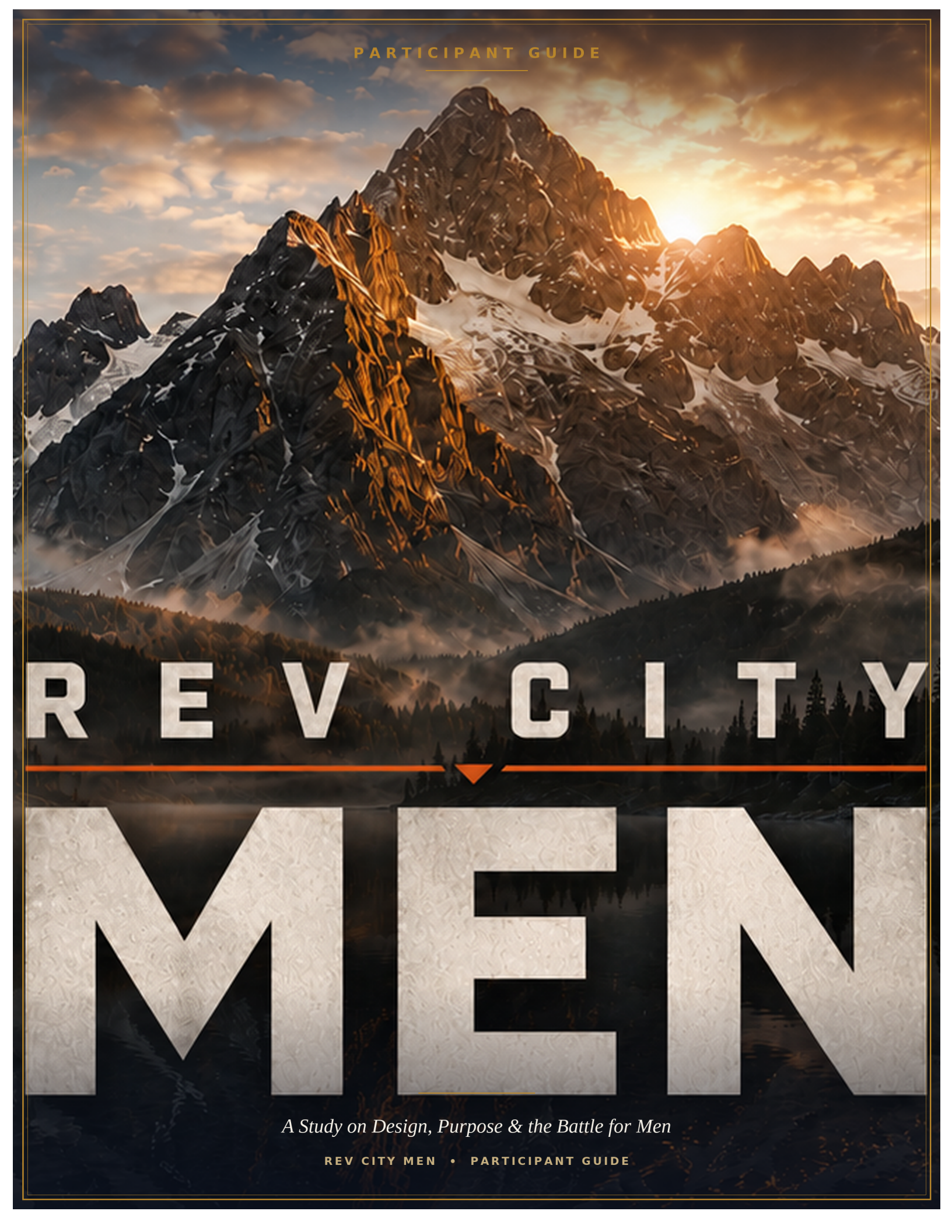


PARTICIPANT GUIDE



REV CITY MEN

A Study on Design, Purpose & the Battle for Men

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SESSION OVERVIEW

The War Being Waged

SCRIPTURE • JOHN 10:10

The enemy only comes to kill, steal, and destroy.

QUOTE

“Satan doesn’t show up to interfere until there is family.”

QUOTE

“He wants us to fight against one another instead of fighting for one another.”

QUOTE

“The birthmark of a believer is a bullseye.”

QUOTE

“Where men step into their God-given purposes, things flourish. Where they don’t, things burn.”

QUOTE

“The future of the people not in this room depends on the obedience of the men in this room.”

QUOTE

“We need less government and more Godly men.”

DISCUSSION

1. How important is it for men to understand there is a spiritual battle over their lives, marriages, and families? Why is it important? What tends to happen to men that don’t realize this?
2. What do you think about the quote, “The birthmark of a believer is a bullseye.”?

FOUNDATION

Whoever Designs, Defines — and Design Implies Destiny

SCRIPTURE • GENESIS 2:7 (NIV)

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

QUOTE

Each man was created for a face-to-face relationship with God.

The 3 W's of Genesis Chapter 2

KEY THEME

Work

Will

Woman

 MY OWN NOTES

Men Are Designed to Work

SCRIPTURE • GENESIS 2:15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

QUOTE

Even before sin, before the fall, God very clearly and specifically designed men to work. Men are like semi-trucks – they are designed and they run better under a load.

QUOTE

Work, money, and success should not become an idol – but we need men of God to be fighting, building, succeeding, funding, and building the Kingdom.

DISCUSSION

1. What do you think about the quote saying that men are like semi-trucks – that they are designed for, and run better under a load?

Does anyone have any examples of times you struggled when in between jobs or experiencing transition in your career?

2. How do we strike the balance between unhealthy ambition and greed, and working and building and achieving in a way that honors the Lord? What practical steps can we take to safeguard this?

What are the characteristics of a man that works and succeeds for the glory of God and not his own?

MY OWN NOTES

Men Have Been Given God's Will

SCRIPTURE • GENESIS 2:16–17

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

QUOTE

“God’s will and Word to us are commands, not suggestions. He is a Lord, not a life coach.”

QUOTE

“Your entire life is a war of ‘wills,’ and the decision we will always have to make is which ‘will’ will supersede the other ‘wills’ that are at war with one another in my life.”

QUOTE

“A man of God bends his knee to the Lordship of Jesus so that he can then stand up and act like a man, full of the Holy Spirit, and obey the commands that have been given to us.”

SCRIPTURE • LUKE 14:26

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, even their own life — such a person cannot be my disciple.”

QUOTE

“Your love for the people and things in this world, in comparison to your love for God, must look like hate because they are so far apart.”

A POWERFUL QUESTION FOR EVERY AREA OF LIFE

“In this area of my life, does the will of the Word stand in authority, or do the ways of the world stand in authority of that area of my life?”

DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the difference between seeing Jesus as Lord versus seeing Him as a “life coach.” What are the distinctions between those perspectives and what is at stake?
2. Can anyone give an example of when they knew they were in a battle of their two wills, with the world and the Word fighting for supremacy over your life or an important decision?

MY OWN NOTES

God Created a Helper — Woman

SCRIPTURE • GENESIS 2:18, 21–22

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper fit for him.” So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

QUOTE

A more literal translation of the word “helper” is “necessary ally.”

QUOTE

“Don’t be surprised when your helper — your ‘necessary ally’ — starts helping. It’s not nagging, it’s helping.”

SCRIPTURE • GENESIS 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and unashamed.

QUOTE

Ephesians 6 says to “stand firm against the devil.” 1 Corinthians 6 says to “flee sexual sin.”

MY OWN NOTES

DISCUSSION

1. What does it look like practically to treat your wife (or future wife) as a 'necessary ally' rather than someone to manage or dismiss? When you realize this is her role, is it any wonder the enemy brings all sorts of schemes and attacks into marriage relationships?

What are some very practical ways we can honor God's intended role for our wives or future wives?

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2. What do you think about the fact Ephesians 6 says to stand firm against the enemy, but 1 Cor. 6 says to "flee" from sexual sin? What are some practical ways we can do this?

Genesis 3:1–6 — The Serpent’s Deception

SCRIPTURE • GENESIS 3:1–6

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

QUOTE

“Adam was ‘with her.’” Genesis 3:6

The Cost of Passivity

QUOTE

“Your greatest temptation will not be iniquity, it will be passivity — not doing the wrong thing, but doing NOTHING.”

QUOTE

“Adam stood idly by while the enemy came after his wife, his family, and his future.”

DISCUSSION

1. Adam was present but silent. Where in your life have you been present but passive when you needed to lead or speak up? Do you agree that passivity is often times the greatest challenge?
2. What does it look like, practically, for you to stand firm against the enemy’s attacks in your heart and in your home this week? What are some very practical steps that exemplify that a man is not acting passively as a spiritual leader of his life, marriage and family?

Use this space to capture what God is speaking to you through this session.