

MEMORY VERSE

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ
shall all be made alive.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:22

SESSION 2

GO

A staircase with a black metal railing is visible in the lower right portion of the image. The background is a solid red color, and the overall design is minimalist and modern.



All leadership and movement begins with a burden. During our time together today, we are going to look at the call to GO with the gospel. As we consider this call to GO, let's first seek to understand God's plan. As we examine the Great Commission it's important to first ask, "Okay, how did we get to this point in the story?"

SHARE
YOUR
STORY



As we said last week, when we share our stories with others, we give them the opportunity to see God at work. Your story is being shaped, even in this moment, by being part of this group. In fact, few things can shape us more than community.

When we share our stories, we can encourage someone else, and learn. We experience the presence of God as He helps us be brave enough to reveal our thoughts and feelings.

Open your group with prayer. This should be a brief, simple prayer in which you invite God to be with you as you meet. You can pray for specific requests at the end of the meeting, or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

Begin your time together by using the following questions and activities to get people talking:

- **On a scale of 1 to 10, what is your attitude toward lost people? (1 represents anger; 10 represents compassion).**
- **Why do you believe most people are lost?**

In the last session we asked you to write some names in the **Circles of Life diagram**. Who did you identify as the people in your life who need to meet Jesus? Go back to the **Circles of Life diagram** on page 22 to help you think of various people you come in contact with on a regular basis; people who need to know Jesus more deeply. Consider ideas for action and make a plan to follow through on one of them this week.





WATCH **THE VIDEO**

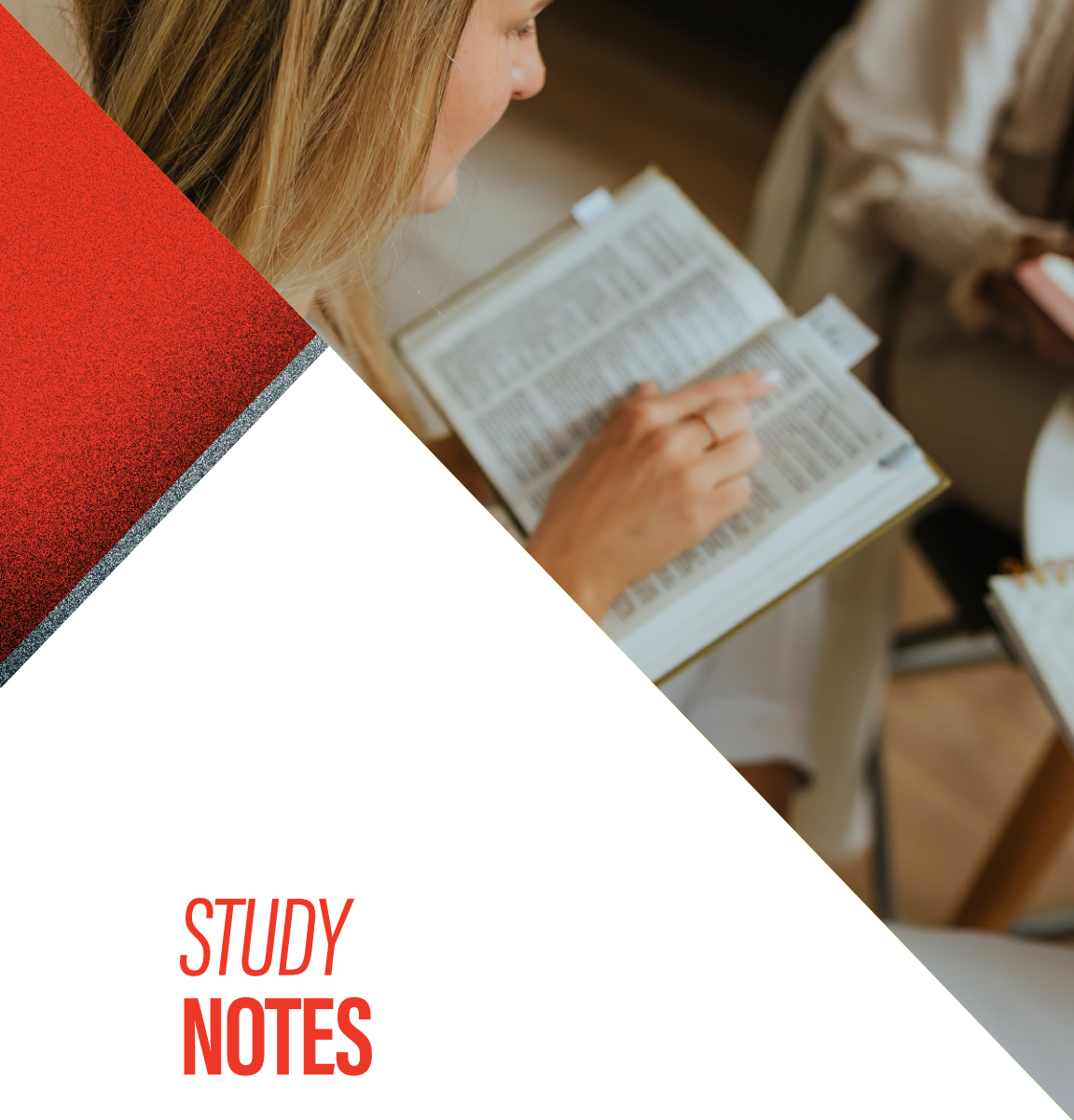
Use the Teaching Notes space provided to record key thoughts, questions and things you want to remember or follow up on. After watching the video, have someone read the discussion questions in the **Hear God's Story** section and direct the discussion among the group. As you go through each of the subsequent sections, ask someone else to read the questions, and direct the discussion.

HEAR GOD'S STORY

READ GENESIS 3:1-7.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You[a] shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

- How did the serpent call God’s command into question?
- How did the serpent’s persuasion change the woman’s view of the tree (verse 6)?
- How does the devil persuade people to see evil as good today?
- How did shame affect Adam and Eve?



STUDY NOTES

You, verse 1, In Hebrew you is plural in verses 1–5.

to make one wise, verse 6, or give insight.

neither shall you touch it, verse 3, Eve maximized the restriction by adding this phrase, which is not in God's original command recorded in Genesis 2:16-17.

CREATE
**A NEW
STORY**



In this section, talk about how you will apply the wisdom you've learned from the teaching and Bible study. Then think about practical steps you can take in the coming week to live out what you've learned.

- In the video, Roger said, “God’s purpose for our lives is that we would carry this name and this message to the ends of the earth and to the end of the age. It’s the greatest vision ever pursued, the greatest effort that can be required of us, and the greatest calling we will ever receive.” When you consider the focus of your life, how committed are you to this vision?
- When you compare Jesus’ vision and the current focus of your life, what is blurry for you right now?
- In the video, Roger told the story of Walter. Walter said, “I believe that because the workers remain few, it means that those of us willing to be his witnesses have to get more and more creative to get the message of Jesus out as far and wide as we can.” What are some creative ways to get the message out? (It’s probably not internet memes).
- For whom has he burdened you? Who would be difficult for you?

Here are some simple ways to connect with God. Tell the group which ones you plan to try this week, and talk about your progress and challenges when you meet next time.

- **Prayer.** Commit to personal prayer and daily connection with God. You may find it helpful to write your prayers in a journal.
- **Daily Devotions.** The Daily Devotions provided in each session offers an opportunity to read a short Bible passage five days a week during the course of our study. In our hurry-up world, we often move too quickly through everything—even reading God’s Word! Slow down. Don’t just skim, but take time to carefully read and reflect on the passage. Write down your insights on what you read each day. Copy a portion of Scripture on a card and tape it somewhere in your line of sight, such as your car’s dashboard or the bathroom mirror. Or text it to yourself! Think about it when you sit at red lights or while you’re eating a meal. Reflect on what God is saying to you through these words. On the sixth day summarize what God has shown you throughout the week.

Ask, “How can we pray for you this week?” Invite everyone to share, but don’t force the issue. Be sure to write prayer requests on your Prayer and Praise Report on page 119.

Close your meeting with prayer.



FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY ▶▶▶

If you feel God nudging you to go deeper, take some time before the next meeting to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own and jot your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. A great way to gain insight on a passage is to read it in several different translations. You may want to use a Bible app or website to compare translations.

▶ **READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:22-25.**

- What is the implication of Adam's sin on everyone else?
- What is the end result of every rule and every authority and power? In view of this conclusion, how much should a Christian's effort go toward battling these rulers, authorities, and powers?
- What should be the focus of believers' efforts?

▶ **READ MATTHEW 28:18-20.**

- How are you making disciples?
- What does it mean to "teach them to observe (or obey) all that [Jesus] commanded them?"
- What is the significance of Jesus' power (all authority) and presence (I am with you always) in obeying the Great Commission?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



DAY 1

READ 1 PETER 3:15.

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Respond: What is the reason for your hope? How would you explain it to someone?

DAY 2

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 9:22.

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

Respond: Think about someone who is very different from you. What might you have in common with them? Pray for that person.

DAY 3

READ MARK 16:15.

And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

Respond: How could you proclaim the gospel in your part of the world? What’s one thing you could do this week?

DAY 4

READ JAMES 1:27.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Respond: How does this verse impact you? What does it prompt you to do?

DAY 5

READ LUKE 8:39.

“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Respond: If Jesus spoke these words directly to you, who would you tell about how much God has done for you?

DAY 6

Reflect on the verses from this past week, and use the following space to write any thoughts God has put in your heart and mind about the things we have looked at in this session and during your Daily Devotions time this week.