

# Life Group Leader's Guide

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For the week of October 22, 2017

## Quick Review

Nat shared four main points in his sermon from II Corinthians 5:14-21:

- 1) We are no longer slaves to ourselves.
- 2) We have a new identity.
- 3) We are on a commission in life.
- 4) We go better together.

As a believer in Jesus, what are some of the blessings you've experienced being part of God's family?

## My Story

1. What activity do you prefer to pursue alone?
2. What activity do you prefer pursuing with others?
3. Describe an event or activity you participated in where you went into it not knowing anyone, but by the end, experienced connection.

## Digging Deeper

Leaders: Exodus 33:11 says of Moses, "The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend." And Deuteronomy 34:10 says, "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face." Only Moses is described in Scripture in these terms, yet even Moses needed the support of other believers.

Let's look at a couple of Biblical examples of thriving in community from the life of Moses. Please read Exodus 17:8-13.

1. What was Moses' role in this battle? What were Aaron and Hur's roles in this battle? What was the result of their actions?
2. How important is it for you to have other believers you can text or call for prayer, confident they will be faithful to pray for you? How willing are you to be an Aaron/Hur for another believer?

Now read Exodus 18:13-27.

1. According to these verses, what had God called Moses to do for the community of Israel? What did Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, suggest Moses do?
2. What was the benefit to Moses if he followed Jethro's godly counsel? What was the benefit to the community of Israel?

Leaders: For further study, consider the ministry of Paul and Barnabas from Acts 13-15:35 and what they accomplished together for God's kingdom.

## Taking it Home

1. What is the value of a Life Group? Be honest with one another! (Encourage one another toward growth in Christ-likeness, prayer support, accountability, etc.)
2. Is there something the Holy Spirit has been prompting you to do that you cannot accomplish on your own? How can your Life Group come alongside you?
3. Where are you currently, or when have you, felt the strain of ministry? Can you share a time another believer has come alongside you to "lighten your load"?
4. **For further study:** Review II Corinthians 5:14-21, noticing all the times Paul uses the plural pronouns "we" and "us" in regards to our mission as believers. What does this communicate? (As believers, it is OUR mission to share the gospel. How are we doing as a group in praying for one another to be ambassadors for Christ? How can we encourage one another to persevere in building relationships with unbelievers and share the gospel with them?) How can our Life Group grow in being more outward-focused?