

Life Group Leader's Guide

For the week of April 15th, 2018

Quick Review

Of Pastor Mark's three themes: deliverance, devotion, dignity; which spoke to you the most?

My Story

What was the last Broadway show you either saw or heard about?

Of what are you a **true** fan? (Leaders: This is more of a light-hearted question; there could be any number of things mentioned: Star Wars, HGTV, Husker football, golf, Pinterest, Marvel movies, etc.)

Digging Deeper

The three themes from Pastor Mark's message-Deliverance, Devotion, Dignity-are found throughout Scripture. Let's take a deeper look at each of the three.

Deliverance: As a group Read **Exodus 12:1-42**

- 1) What was the nation of Israel's condition at this time? What did God do for His people?
- 2) What are some attributes of God you see in this passage?
- 3) How did Israel respond to God's command?

Devotion: As a group Read **I Samuel 20**

- 1) What were some of the consequences and blessings David and Jonathan experienced because of their devotion to one another?
- 2) What are some consequences and blessings you've experienced because of your devotion to Jesus?
- 3) Share with your group a time when God brought someone into your life who believed in you when it seemed as if everyone was against you. What impact did that have on your life?

Leaders: for additional study, skim the Book of Ruth. Ruth is another Biblical example of someone showing supreme devotion to another. Discuss how God used Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law Naomi to impact Ruth's life and the lives of others.

Dignity: As a group Read **II Samuel 9**

- 1) How did Mephibosheth describe himself? What does God have to say about each person from Genesis 1:26?
- 2) How did David show Mephibosheth dignity and honor? What changed for Mephibosheth as a result of David's kindness?

Taking it Home

The deliverance Jesus offers is not only eternal deliverance from sin and death, but deliverance from hurts and habits **now**. What hurt or habit do you need deliverance from that we could support you in prayer? [Leaders, pray for authenticity in your group. Ask for prayer yourself if there is something you are currently struggling with. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of those in your group who may be uncertain of their salvation. Take the opportunity to talk about the gospel with them.](#)

Be honest, what in your life are you more devoted to than Jesus? What steps do you need to take this week to address that and give Him first place in your life? How can we pray for you in that?

To whom are you struggling to show dignity/honor to as one made in the image of God just like you? Ask God to give you an opportunity this week to show them kindness.