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I AM SECOND[®]

I Am Second is the digital media initiative of the church-planting organization e3 Partners. For thirty-five years, e3 mission practitioners have entered into the hardest-to-reach places around the world, sharing the gospel, training others to do the same, and forming new faith communities. Since 2008, I Am Second has utilized the power of storytelling and the tools of the digital age to inspire, disciple, and mobilize believers to take action. To discover more about how to deepen your faith journey and “Live Second,” visit iamsecond.com, where you can access over one hundred and ninety inspirational films and additional discipleship resources. There’s always one more step you can take to be a part of something bigger than yourself, and we can help you confidently take that journey.

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

This Bible study provides a guided, incremental, and scalable process to help individuals and small groups make disciples. Seven weeks of study provide a biblical framework and practical guidance to take participants through a complete discipleship process they can immediately implement in their lives. As you go through the study, you will begin to see and care for lost people as Jesus does, learn to share the gospel, and to make disciples of new believers.

GROUP STUDY

Regardless of what day of the week your group meets, each session of content starts with the group session. The group format in this study is based on a three-thirds model where the meeting will be separated into three sections.

LOOK BACK

The group starts by looking back at the past week—giving highs and lows and praying for one another, spending time to worship through God's Word, and setting vision for your time together.

LOOK UP

This section calls you to look up to God through His Word. Each week you will read a passage of Scripture together and ask and answer six questions that could be used with any passage of Scripture. During this time, you will also watch video teaching that contains a video testimony as well as contextual teaching on the topic for the week to help you apply it to your lives.

LOOK FORWARD

In this section, you will set goals to guide your time between meetings so that you can maintain focus on following Jesus and making disciples.

PERSONAL STUDY

The group and personal studies are paired together to help you grow in your understanding of the topic for each session. Three personal study exercises are given each week.

Goals

This allows participants to restate, redefine, and pray over the goals they set at the end of the group meeting.

Bible Study

This section features Scripture reading with commentary and questions to help individuals further connect and respond to teaching from God's Word related to the topic for the week.

Practicing the Mission

This section provides a simple tool each week to help participants engage in the process of making disciples.

TIPS FOR LEADING A SMALL GROUP

Follow these guidelines to prepare for each group session.

PRAYERFULLY PREPARE

Review the weekly material and group questions ahead of time. Be intentional about praying for each person in the group. Ask the Holy Spirit to work through you and the group discussion as you point to Jesus each week through God's Word.

MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS

Create a comfortable environment. If group members are uncomfortable, they'll be distracted and, therefore, not engaged in the group experience. Plan ahead by considering details like seating, temperature, lighting, food and drink, surrounding noise, and general cleanliness.

At best, thoughtfulness and hospitality show guests and group members they're welcome and valued in whatever environment you choose to gather. At worst, people may never notice your effort, but they will also not be distracted. Do everything in your ability to help your group focus on what's most important: connecting with God, with the Bible, and with one another.

INCLUDE OTHERS

Your goal is to foster a community in which people are welcome just as they are but encouraged to grow spiritually. Always be aware of opportunities to include any people who visit the group and to invite new people to join your group. An inexpensive way to make first-time guests feel welcome or to invite someone to get involved is to give them their own copies of this Bible study book.

ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION

A good small group experience has the following characteristics.

EVERYONE PARTICIPATES. Encourage everyone to ask questions, share responses, or read aloud.

NO ONE DOMINATES—NOT EVEN THE LEADER. Be sure that your time speaking as a leader takes up less than half of your time together as a group. Politely guide discussion if anyone dominates.

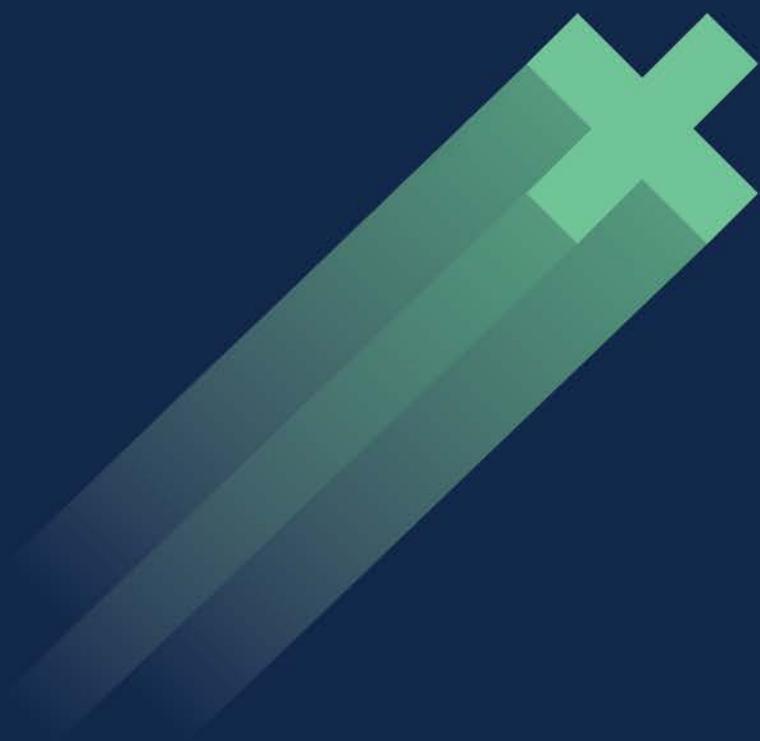
NOBODY IS RUSHED THROUGH QUESTIONS. Don't feel that a moment of silence is a bad thing. People often need time to think about their responses to questions they've just heard or to gain courage to share what God is stirring in their hearts.

INPUT IS AFFIRMED AND FOLLOWED UP. Make sure you point out something true or helpful in a response. Don't just move on. Build community with follow-up questions, asking how other people have experienced similar things or how a truth has shaped their understanding of God and the Scripture you're studying. People are less likely to speak up if they fear that you don't actually want to hear their answers or that you're only looking for a particular answer.

GOD AND HIS WORD ARE CENTRAL. Opinions and experiences can be helpful, but you always come back to the Bible. You can't change anyone, but God can. Continually point people to the Word and to active steps of faith.

KEEP CONNECTING

Think of ways to connect with group members during the week. Participation during the group session always improves when members spend time connecting with one another outside the group sessions. The more comfortable people are with each other and involved in one another's lives, the more they'll look forward to being together. When people move beyond being friendly to truly being friends who form a community, they come to each session eager to engage instead of merely attending. When possible, build deeper friendships by planning a gathering or spontaneously inviting group members to join you outside your regularly scheduled group time for meals, fun activities, or projects around your home, church, or community.



Recognize

We need to see people as Jesus sees them. The discipleship process begins when we recognize the lost people around us.

GROUP STUDY

◀ LOOK BACK

Reflect on the past week together as a group.

Care for One Another: Share a high and a low from your last week with the group. Listen to others and record their responses so that you can pray for them.

Loving Accountability: Work through the following questions.

What is one thing God showed you in His Word this week?

What have you been asking God for this week?

How did you do with the goals you set last week?

Worship: Pick one Psalm. Read through the Psalm as a group, taking notice of the attributes of God.

Verses read:

Attributes of God seen:

Vision: Read Matthew 28:18-20 out loud together. Invite someone to restate Jesus's command to His followers in their own words.

Take a moment to pray, asking God to bless your time together.

LOOK UP

Introduce the Topic

Use this section to start your discussion on this week's topic.

In Luke 19:1-10, Luke introduces a man named Zacchaeus. We learn that Zacchaeus, a Jew, was seen as traitor to his people because he collected taxes for the Roman Empire. He was despised, but above all, Zacchaeus was lost.

Jesus noticed Zacchaeus, made him a priority in His schedule for the day, and embraced him as a follower. Jesus's approach to Zacchaeus angered the community, but this outcry didn't distract Jesus from what He had come to do. Jesus said, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost" (v. 10). Jesus saw reaching the lost as His primary ministry.

Have you ever been physically lost? Describe that experience.

How would you feel if someone knew you were lost and didn't try to find you?

If the church hopes to multiply disciples in our communities, we can't make it complicated. We must simplify our focus to reflect Jesus's focus. The church exists partner with Jesus in His mission to "seek and save the lost." That's what we're going to be talking about today.



Watch this week's video teaching session.

Examine the Scriptures

Read Acts 19:1-10 out loud together. Then, use the questions on the following page to guide your discussion.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions and came to Ephesus. He found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

“No,” they told him, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

“Into what then were you baptized?” he asked them.

“Into John’s baptism,” they replied.

Paul said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Jesus.”

When they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy. Now there were about twelve men in all.

Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly over a period of three months, arguing and persuading them about the kingdom of God. But when some became hardened and would not believe, slandering the Way in front of the crowd, he withdrew from them, taking the disciples, and conducted discussions every day in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

ACTS 19:1-10

Use the following prompts to discover what God would have us learn from this passage.

What does this passage teach us about God?

What does this passage teach us about man?

Is there a sin in this passage we should avoid?

Is there a promise in this passage we should hold on to?

Is there an example in this passage we should follow?

Is there a command in this passage we should obey?

Based on your discussion, have one or two people restate Acts 19:1-10 in their own words.



LOOK FORWARD

Prepare for the coming week as a group.

Set Goals: Based on what you just read, it is now time to set some goals for the upcoming week. In Matthew 4:19, Jesus called to His disciples, “**Follow** me [...] and I will make you **fish** for people.” You will set your goals for the week from this call of Jesus: “How can I follow Jesus this week?” and “Who will I fish for this week?”

Take some time to think through your goals. Then, discuss them as a group for prayer and accountability.

Follow:

Fish:

Pray: Spend time praying as a group. Ask the Lord to empower you to accomplish the goals you have set.

**“FOR THE SON
OF MAN HAS
COME TO SEEK
AND TO SAVE
THE LOST.”**

LUKE 19:10

WEEK 1

PERSONAL STUDY

THIS WEEK

In our group lesson, we considered two questions to help us be intentional and purposeful in our walk with God this week. Record then reflect on your answers to those questions below:

How will I follow Jesus this week?

Who will I fish for this week?

BIBLE STUDY

UNDERSTANDING LOSTNESS

Read Romans 5:12–21.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned.

ROMANS 5:12

In the book of Romans, Paul masterfully crafts a treatise for Christian understanding. Sin, judgment, the human spiritual condition, the sovereignty of God, the responsibility of faith, and the future glory of the redeemed are a few of the weighty topics Paul takes up in this letter. Paul also gives practical insight for how a follower of Jesus should live their lives in obedience to Jesus and addresses the need for unity among those who were a part of the church at Rome. Yet the kind of life that Paul advocated for in this book stood in opposition to the Roman world the early Christians lived in.

Paul wrote the book of Romans around AD 58. A decade before, Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome due to civil unrest (AD 49). Many scholars believe that it was the spread of Christianity in Rome amongst the Jewish community, which started with the new converts from the birth of the Christian church on the Day of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2, that led to this agitation. It was not until the death of Claudius in AD 54 that Jews were allowed to come back. Only a few years after this book was written, in AD 64, Emperor Nero ignited hatred against the Christian church after a fire decimated the city of Rome. He blamed the Christians for the fire, which led to widespread persecution of the church in Rome.

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Give careful thought to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, **Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay**, says the Lord. But*

***If your enemy is hungry, feed him.
If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
For in so doing
you will be heaping fiery coals on his head.***

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

ROMANS 12:14-21

Can you imagine reading these verses as the society you live in rains down hatred upon you? Paul instructed the reader to bless while the world was cursing, Paul instructed the reader to live in harmony while the world was seeking to destroy. Paul encouraged the church to be peaceful while the world waged war against it. What was happening in Rome during the first century was at complete odds with God's design for humanity.

God's original design afforded every human being unfettered access to His beautiful presence. There, one can find peace, understanding, and love. However, as we take inventory of the world around us, God's original design is not what we experience. Instead, we are greeted with pain, suffering, and distance between us and the presence of God. Sure, we catch glimpses of His beauty all around us. Paul said in Romans 1:20a, "For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world." We catch His beauty when we observe the created world around us: Its order. Its originality. Its landscape that leaves us in awe. However, as we interact with each other and the inevitable erosion of our societal constructs, we realize that this cannot be what God had in mind from the start.

Paul clued his Roman readers in on this brutal fact in Romans 5:12: "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned." Adam's sin tainted God's original design. Therefore, all of us are born into a broken world with a warped flesh that is far from God. Humanity's only hope for reconciliation is Jesus.

Pause to ask God to open your eyes to the truth from His Word before answering the reflection questions on the next page.

If by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:17

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time to read Romans 5:12-21 and reflect on the passage using the following questions:

What are the brutal facts found in this passage?

What hope does Paul share with his audience in this passage?

Considering the passage, how can your today look different from your yesterday?

Ask God for help. Living a life that is pleasing to God in a broken world with a spiritually marred flesh is impossible alone. Take a few minutes to write a prayer asking God to strengthen and empower you to live in victory over brokenness.

PRACTICING YOUR FAITH

THE BRUTAL FACTS

Watch this week's Practicing Your Faith video on the Lifeway On Demand app, then complete the following exercise.

Lostness is not a problem in the Middle East alone, nor is it an isolated issue in South Asia. Lostness is all around us. There are people far from God in our cities, in our places of employment, on our school campuses, and amongst the family we dearly love. Three out of four people who live in the U.S. are not Christian. With each passing decade, the number of people who live in the U.S. who identify as practicing Christians will only decrease.

To ignore these brutal facts is to ignore the reality of the world we live in and the battle we are up against as a church. We must take a hard look at the spiritual condition of our communities and put a plan together that will intentionally address it. This starts with recognizing lostness.

The U.S. has more than 330 million citizens within its borders.² If 75% of those citizens are far from God, according to the numbers stated above, that means the lostness the church faces in the U.S. today is at 247.5 million. 247.5 million people who are far from God, who do not know His love, who have not experienced His grace, who will leave this world with no hope. This should stir us, keep us up at night, wake us up in the morning, and orchestrate our moves throughout the day.

Research the demographics in your area. How many people live in your state and city? Your workplace? Your neighborhood? Once you figure out each number, do the simple math and take 75% of that number and write it in the right hand column of the following chart. Begin to pray for these numbers.

PRAYER AIM FOR THE WEEK

Set aside time every day to pray for the lost people in your community and around the world. Ask God to burden you for their salvation.

Let's look at the brutal facts on a local level:

YOUR STATE

POPULATION

LOSTNESS

YOUR CITY

POPULATION

LOSTNESS

YOUR WORKPLACE

POPULATION

LOSTNESS

**YOUR CAMPUS OR
NEIGHBORHOOD**

POPULATION

LOSTNESS

YOUR FAMILY/FRIENDS

POPULATION

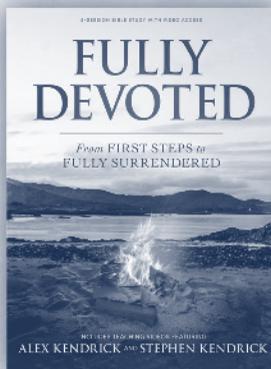
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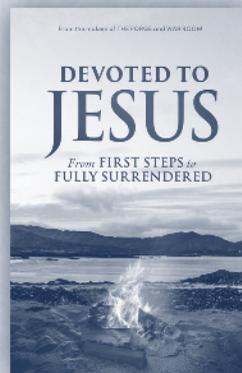
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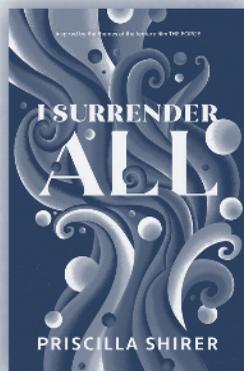
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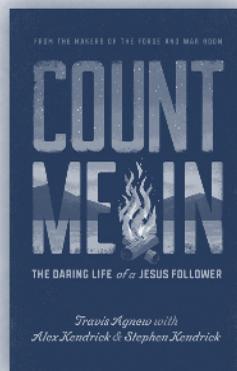
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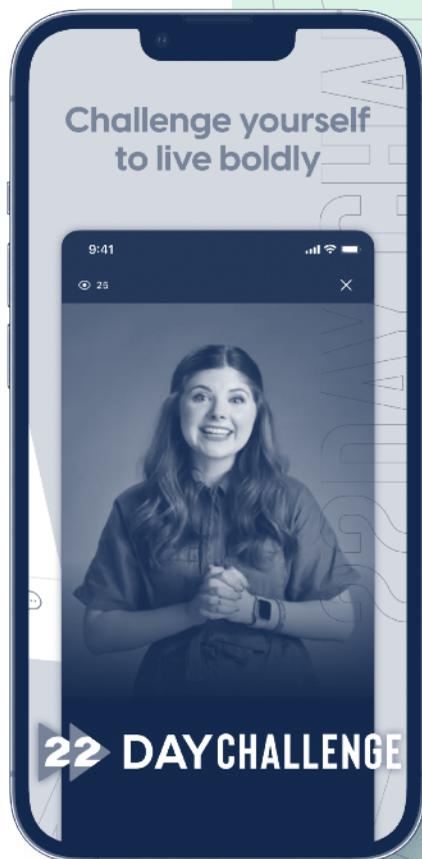
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- Get access to exclusive content
- Join a Live Second Group
- Connect with other Jesus followers
- Participate in digital or in-person events
- Challenge yourself to live boldly



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The world needs you.

The biggest mistake most Christians make in evangelism is not even trying. But that will not be you. *Made to Multiply* gives you the ideas, inspiration, and techniques you need for sharing your faith and multiplying disciples.



So much of evangelism and discipleship is simply overcoming the initial fear. And the tools and methodology contained in this book will give you the courage you need to take that first step of faith.

In this study, you will:

- Develop a heart for the lost and searching
- Learn why, when, and how to share the gospel
- Gain confidence in sharing your own story
- Clarify the calling on your life to make disciples

STUDYING ON YOUR OWN?

To enrich your study experience, be sure to access the videos available through a redemption code printed in this *Bible Study Book*.

LEADING A GROUP?

Each group member will need a *Made to Multiply Bible Study Book*, which includes video access. Because all participants will have access to the video content, you can choose to watch the videos outside of your group meeting if desired. Or, if you're watching together and someone misses a group meeting, they'll have the flexibility to catch up.



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