

SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"THE RESPONSE" MAY 07 & MAY 08

SERIES OVERVIEW:

Everyone likes to be chosen, on the playground, in the workplace, by someone we love. Through His resurrection from the dead, Jesus chooses each of us to be in His family by following Him. And we get to share this Good News to the ends of the earth. Be ready to once again experience the power of being Chosen!

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc.
Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

1

OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE:

About 3 minutes

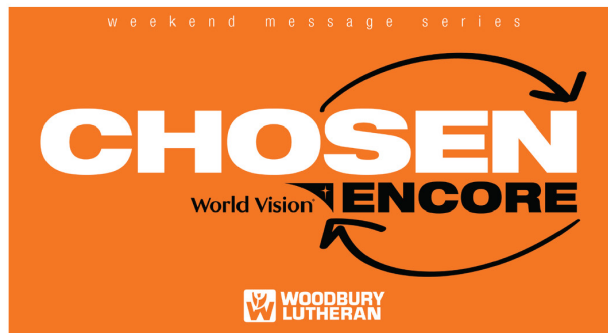
Ask a volunteer to open in prayer.

2

BIG IDEA:

A seconds to read

"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, we will continue to seek the reality of what we hope for, for all people, a living breathing relationship with the creator of the Universe.



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All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised.
- Hebrews 11:39 NLT

Reflect

Read the full passage in your Bible - Hebrews 11:32-40.

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might be God's invitation to you in this?

What might be God's challenge to you in this?

How might God be calling you to respond?
Be curious...and then do it.

DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

Can you say more about that?

How have you seen that play out in your life?

What does that stir up in you?

Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?

What might God be inviting you to do?

3

INTRO QUESTIONS:

About 10 minutes

How would you define faith?

4

SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

About 40-45 minutes

Read the entire Hebrews 11 chapter. Which of these "heroes of the faith" do you identify the most with and why? (Note: "heroes" not because they were perfect, but because of their faith.)

Notice all the times "by faith" is stated. Take a moment to write down a few things that you learn from this chapter about faith and what it produces. Then share with the group.

See v 13a. The people of the Old Testament were saved by grace, through faith in the Messiah. They trusted God in His promises to do what He said He would do - even when by worldly standards, it seemed impossible. By grace and through faith we do the same today. What things are you trusting God with that may seem impossible, but that you hope to see one day?

God is always at work! We get to be witnesses, and also part of Him breaking in to redeem and restore life here on earth. How have you seen that happen in the past few weeks or months?

LIVE IT OUT:

5

About 5 minutes

Read the "Live It Out" section and invite the group to take the steps noted.

TAKE IT DEEPER



WORSHIP



GROW



SERVE



REACH

Live It Out

This week is all about embracing, by faith, the truth that we are already chosen.

1. *Pray this each day... "Thank you that I am chosen by you, God, chosen for kingdom purposes."*
2. *Who is someone who needs to know this life-changing truth? Pray for them and reach out in love to share this with them sometime this week.*

Pray

Notice which person's faith (from the Hebrews passage) inspires or challenges you and express your heart and thoughts to God about this.

Ask God to show you what it would look like to walk in faith, to live by faith this week...a faith that is integrated into every part of your life.

Thank God for someone who has been an example of this in your life (and tell them).

6

CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 10 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud. Allow for a time of personal reflection and silent prayer.

Write your name and a prayer request on an index card and pass it two people to the right. Close in a circle prayer with each person reading the prayer on the card they hold. The leader or apprentice may open and close the prayer.