## SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"THE REVEAL" MAY 14 & MAY 15

#### **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.



# OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE:

About 3 minutes

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer.



## **BIG IDEA:**

A seconds to read

As the chosen people of God each of us are called to go to work in the harvest field. Through this Chosen Encore we continue to extend the field into Tongi.

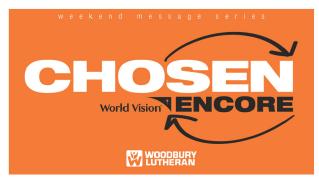


## **INTRO QUESTIONS:**

About 10 minutes

What type(s) of work do you enjoy and why?

What type(s) of work do you dislike and why?



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[Jesus Said,] "So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." - Matthew 9:38 NLT



Read the full passage in your Bible - Matthew 9:35-38.

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?



#### SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

About 40-45 minutes

Jesus went teaching, announcing the Good News about the Kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and illness. In your own words, what is the Good News about the Kingdom? What kinds of diseases and illnesses do you pray for Jesus to heal today? (Consider not only physical illness, but also broader concepts.)

As we wait for Jesus to return, we fix our eyes on Him and do His work. Do you know what work God has planned specifically for you to do? If so, explain. If not, what or who might help you to determine this?

Read also 2 Corinthians 4:13-18. How is your spirit or "inner being" renewed every day? Explain what it means to you to fix your gaze on things that are unseen, but that will last for eternity. How have you seen God at work this past week?





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



# Live It Out

Surrender afresh to God's calling to **BE IN** the harvest field, engaging and loving and sharing the good news of Jesus with your life and with your words. There's work to be done!!



You are a worker in God's harvest field. Share with God what stirs in you when you hear this?

Ask God to give you a heart of compassion (really his heart) for those who have not experienced Jesus' love for them...Jesus choosing them.

Ask God to send more workers and thank him that it's his harvest field.

## **CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:**

About 10 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud. Allow for a time of personal reflection and silent prayer to consider what tends to get in the way of you being a worker in God's harvest field and having a heart of compassion for others. Then offer them in repentance in the popcorn prayer time below.

The leader or apprentice can lead the following prayer allowing time for group members to pray where indicated.

"Lord, You are holy and merciful. Thank You for the compassion You have shown us. You break in with Your Kingdom in new ways every day bringing hope and healing. Help us to have a heart of compassion for everyone, especially those who have not experienced Your love for them. Jesus, help us to turn away from these things that get in the way of us having Your heart of compassion and doing the work You have planned for us to do. We turn them over to you now [Allow for a time of popcorrn prayer for group members here]. Lord in Your grace and mercy help us to do the work You have planned for us to do. Send more workers into the harvest field that more people would come to know You. May Your will be done and Your Kingdom come to earth as it is in heaven. For Yours is the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen."