



Sunday Recap Guide

At the Movies: Hidden Figures

E — Encouragement

Welcome back, everyone!

Before we dive in, take a few minutes to check in with your group:

- What's been a highlight or a win from your week?
- What's been a challenge or something you're praying through right now?
- How have you seen God's hand at work in the *hidden places* of your life lately?

Remind your group: sometimes the most powerful moments happen when nobody else sees — but God does.

S — Scripture & Study

Main Idea:

God doesn't just create people — He creates purpose. Even when you feel unseen or overlooked, God is working behind the scenes to prepare you for what He's called you to do.

1. When Purpose Feels Hidden

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Context:

The prophet Jeremiah spoke this promise to God's people while they were in exile — a season that felt confusing, delayed, and hidden. Yet, God reminded them that His plan was still active.

Discussion Questions:

- When have you felt like your purpose was hidden or unnoticed?
- How can Jeremiah's words encourage you in seasons when you don't see progress?
- What's one area of your life where you can trust that God is still writing your story?

2. When the Process Feels Painful**James 1:2–4 (NIV)**

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds...”

Context:

James reminds believers that hardship is not the absence of purpose — it's often the *refining ground* for it. Just like Katherine Johnson faced resistance, our perseverance develops maturity and strength.

Discussion Questions:

- What's a trial that has strengthened your faith or character?
- Why do you think God allows resistance on the path to purpose?
- How can you shift your mindset to see struggle as preparation?

3. When You Feel Unseen**Psalms 147:3 (NIV)**

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Context:

In moments of exhaustion or rejection, God is not distant — He's near to the brokenhearted. Katherine's emotional breaking point became the doorway to her breakthrough.

Discussion Questions:

- What's an area of your life where you've felt unseen or unappreciated?
- How can being honest about your pain lead to healing?
- Who in your life needs to be reminded that God sees them?

4. When It's Time to Step Up

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Context:

Paul reminds us that our identity and calling are *intentional*. God has already placed the right gifts inside you — your role is to step forward in obedience.

Discussion Questions:

- What gifts or passions has God placed in you?
- What might it look like to "step forward" in this season?
- How does knowing you are *God's handiwork* change how you see yourself?

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Context:

Even delays are divine. Joseph's story — from pit to palace — reminds us that God's timing is not late; it's layered with purpose.

Discussion Questions:

- Where have you seen God's timing turn out better than your own?
- How does trusting God's process build patience and faith?
- What's something you're waiting for right now — and how can you stay faithful in the meantime?

6. When You're Called to Faithfulness

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Context:

Paul encourages us not to lose heart in seasons of waiting. The reward comes in God’s *proper time*.

Discussion Questions:

- What’s an area of your life where you’re tempted to give up?
- What motivates you to stay faithful even when you don’t see results?
- How can you practically “keep doing good” this week?

P — Prayer

Take time to pray over one another.

Here are a few prayer prompts:

- Pray for courage to step boldly into the gifts God has given.
- Pray for strength to stay faithful in hidden seasons.
- Pray for healing for those who feel unseen, overlooked, or weary.
- Pray that each person would trust God’s timing and experience His purpose in a fresh way this week.

N — Next Steps

- **Growth Track:** Discover your purpose and find your place in what God is doing through Lakeside.
- **Be faithful where you are:** Whether it’s your family, your workplace, or your group — use your gifts right where God has placed you.