

REACH CHURCH

LIFE GROUP LEADER GUIDE



Lessons of a Lifetime

**God isn't disappointed
in you—He wants to fill
you, heal you, and use
you right where you
are.**

John 16:33 NIV

**"In this world you will have
trouble. But take heart! I
have overcome the world."**

Church Highlights

- **Celebrate with Matt & Bri as they travel to Taiwan to bring home their four girls. Pray for smooth transitions and their new journey as parents.**

Prayer Points

**Pray for strength to forgive
Pray for resilience in trials
Pray for freedom from shame**

Kingdom Impact

**Your faithful giving makes a difference as
your tithes and offerings impacts us
locally and beyond.
Our giving highlight for the month of
September is Movement United.**

Discussion Questions For Groups

THRIVE Spiritually

- What does it mean that God is not disappointed in you, but sometimes disappointed for you?
- How can we shift from seeking "success" to seeking "fullness" in God?
- When have you struggled with unanswered prayers, and how did God meet you in that place?

THRIVE Relationally

- Why is forgiveness more about our healing than the other person's apology?
- What relationships in your life may need forgiveness
- How can comparing ourselves to others damage our relationships with people?

THRIVE Missionally

- How might your story of pain or weakness become a ministry to someone else?
- Where is God asking you to take a "first step" of obedience this week?
- How can we encourage one another to expect miracles and not get distracted from God's calling?

Questions for Parents

- **Can you think of a time when you were hurt or sad? How can we give those hurts to God?**
- **Why is it easy to compare ourselves to others? How does God see us differently?**

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This week's message reminded us that God is not disappointed in us but sometimes disappointed for us when we miss out on His blessings through disobedience. True fullness comes not from worldly success but from obedience and surrender.

We were challenged to stop comparing ourselves to others, trust God with our hurts, and practice forgiveness—even when reconciliation isn't possible. Through personal testimony of loss, pain, and God's redemption, we were reminded that faith does not eliminate trials but gives us strength to endure them.

God delights in using ordinary, broken people to display His extraordinary power, and He calls us to take bold steps of obedience!

Pastoral Care

We have a pastoral care team to walk alongside people through life's challenges, with their permission. Should anyone in your group or serve team experience sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, please contact us at connect@reachchurchnetwork.org!

The 4 Q's

1. How long have you been dealing with this?
2. Who else knows?
3. Have you received any advice or council on how to deal with this?
4. Do you have any plans for your next steps?