

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of April 3-9, 2022

## “INTENTIONAL MEN”

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### GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

When was the last time you wasted a lot of energy and time on stuff that is deemed unimportant?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Genesis 3:1-15, Genesis 2:16-17

1. What did the serpent say about God and his commands in verses 1-5 that created confusion and helped lead to Adam and Eve's disobedience? Read Ephesians 6:10-12. What does this verse tell you about the devil's schemes?
2. Deception played a big part in Adam's failure and Eve giving in to temptation. Who is actually deceiving/tempting us? Can you give an example from your own life where you were tempted? How did you respond? Why?
3. We are called to be imitators of God (Ephesians 5:1). How did the serpent twist this godly pursuit in Genesis 3:5? Notice the phrase 'like God', what are some ways you can pursue becoming like God the right way?
4. We see in Genesis 3:8-13 the blame game. Review Eve and Adam's response to their sin. Have you ever responded the same way? What was the outcome?
5. How does our culture define masculinity? Can you name some examples of successful, strong, and powerful men (believers or non-believers)? What makes biblical masculinity different from how the world defines it?
6. In the sermon, we were challenged to (a) check for passivity & blame, (b) take responsibility and (c) exercise grace and humility. (This is not an area just for men

only but for everyone.) How is this going for you? In what areas do you have to be intentional to avoid passivity in your life?

7. What are things that distract you from being intentional in your relationship with God and with others?

### 8. NEXT STEPS

Today, God calls us to rise up and be who he has called us to be.

- (For the Men) I will be accountable for the spiritual status of my heart, the shepherding in my home, the integrity of what I do.
- I will be watchful, stand firm in my faith, act like men, be strong and be intentional. (1 Corinthians 16:13)
- I will do my best not to sit on my "La-Z-Boy chair" and step-up with my relationship with God and others.
- I will answer to the call of God to rise up and be who he has called me to be.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Prayer of thanks for men who have taken the role of great leaders and providers, loving husbands, excellent fathers, protector of families, and amazing friends in the Lord.
- Pray for our men not to yield to temptation and the schemes of the enemy.
- Pray for stronger marriage for the beloved Christian couples close to you.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

April 4 Genesis 3:1-7  
April 5 Matthew 14:22-33  
April 6 Exodus 18:17-24  
April 7 Luke 16:1-13  
April 8 Judges 7-8  
April 9 Isaiah 29:13-16  
April 10 Romans 8:22-30