



OUTPOST MINISTRIES

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Support for those walking faithfully in
God's love alongside an LGBTQ+-identified
family member or friend.

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Notes To the Reader

Outpost Ministries does not promise any particular outcomes as a result of using this guide to start a support and prayer group. Our ministry's focus, and the focus of this document, is to help people who desire to follow Jesus know Him more personally and experience His love and presence as described in the Bible.

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Preface

As my youngest child entered kindergarten, I entered into a year-long conversation with God about what life would look like for me in the next season. My 10 years of ministering in a moms group would be coming to an end, and soon our eldest would begin high school. Life was moving into a new phase.

My hope was that I could find a part-time job. But my list of requirements was pretty specific. I could work only between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm, I needed flexibility to take time off for school activities or sick kids, and the location should be near enough to my kids' schools that I could get to them easily in an emergency. I laughed at my list. Who on earth would hire me with those limitations?

The other sticky situation was that I was still making my way out of a season of major depression. And while God was bringing about vast measures of healing to my heart and mind, there were still days where life could be overwhelming. How on earth could I add job responsibilities to my life?

But God had something planned for me. And what He had planned was a perfect fit for all those questions. It was a job at Outpost Ministries. Our family had been connected to Outpost already for a few years, and I was familiar with the people and the stories of God's work in their lives to bring about transformation, healing, and hope.

In my time here, that hope has become paramount. As my children have become adults, they have not always made choices about faith and life that I would make. They have each begun to forge their own way in the world. And my calling has been to continue walking in faithfulness to God, all while showing my children the deep love God has for them.

It's not always easy, but because of the lessons I've learned at Outpost, and the people I'm in community with through Outpost, I have found the strength to persevere. God continues to speak, and if I'm willing to listen, I find the path for me to follow.

Many of the resources in this toolkit have played a role in helping me navigate how to love well and stay faithful to God's Word and calling. As a ministry, we believe they can also be a help to your church community. May God be with you as you seek to follow faithfully.

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President
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Introduction

“You are not alone!” This is the sentiment that people encounter immediately upon visiting our website. For many first-time visitors to the site, this is not how they are feeling. Instead, they feel alone. Alone and on the outskirts: of church, of family, of culture, of society, and on and on. And while this feeling of being alone is powerful and even overwhelming, it does not tell the whole truth. For the whole truth is that no one is alone.

Before we even get to the “Sunday School approved” answer about God being with us everywhere (see Psalm 139), the reality is that everyone we meet is struggling with some level of feeling left out. Thankfully, God has given us one another, and instructed us to care for one another and share one another’s burdens. Outpost Ministries has been that place for many over the years. Many have found hope and healing in a safe community here. They have discovered that they can be fully known, in whatever type of brokenness their life exhibits. We are a place where people can come to belong as they are restored, and then, be sent forth as a blessing to others.

Our prayer is that every church we encounter is also a place like this: a community committed to honoring one another, walking in humility, and living honestly in relationship, so that all those within it can experience the healing touch of God. We believe the resources in this toolkit are one piece of such a community, and we hope they help your church walk faithfully together.

Why Elijah Company?

In the early 2010s, Outpost followed God’s leading to create a new support group, which we named Elijah Company. Rather than ministering to those seeking wholeness in their sexuality and identity, this group was designed to minister to the families and friends of strugglers. As the group began, we also embraced those who reached out because their family member or friend had recently “come out” as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and they didn’t know what to do.

We chose the name Elijah Company (EC) because it reminds us that those who move in the spirit of Elijah will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, the hearts of children to their fathers, and the disobedient to the understanding of righteousness (Malachi 4:6, Luke 1:17 CSB). As I reflected on the life of Elijah, I noticed even more connections for those of us needing the support of a group like EC.

When a loved one announces “I identify as LGBTQ+,” it is easy to feel like Elijah as he flees to Mount Horeb (Sinai) in 1 Kings 19: overwhelmed, confused, defeated, and alone. What happens at Horeb is an encouragement when we find ourselves in that same place emotionally. Starting in verse 9, Scripture recounts how God meets Elijah, listens to the hurts of his heart, and then gives Elijah instructions for the next phase of his calling. Most importantly, though, God answers Elijah’s hurts with the truth of the situation: “Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!” (1 Kings 19:18 NLT). What a promise: God will preserve His children!

In this same way, Elijah Company exists at Outpost to encourage and support those seeking to walk faithfully with God while their loved one is struggling or has embraced an LGBTQ+ identity. Additionally, the group provides a space where these family and friends gather to pray for one another

and their loved ones. We meet with the God of the universe, who loves each one of us and cares what is on our heart. As we meet with God, we receive truth and instruction so that we may walk in faithfulness. There are practical considerations, to be sure, but the bottom line is always to see what God is teaching each participant and asking him/her to do next.

Over the past year, more and more of our phone calls and emails are coming from people who need a place like EC. And churches are reaching out to see how they can provide support to families within their body. In response, we created this toolkit: a set of recommended and created resources that any church can use to launch their own group. The kit includes a set of four Bible/book study resources and also a set of 52 guided prayer sheets. The studies and the prayer sheets are chosen and designed to facilitate encountering God and being equipped as individuals and a group to walk faithfully alongside a friend or family member who identifies as LGBTQ+.

Our hope and prayer is that this toolkit would encourage and equip local churches to begin a small support group within their own bodies. Our staff is available to help with all aspects of setting up the group, ordering resources, and training facilitators. We are also starting to hold monthly Zoom calls for the facilitators and pastors of new groups to attend for support and encouragement. If you or your church is interested in the monthly support call, please contact the office and we can make sure to include you in the invitation list.

Maybe today you are confused and adrift due to a family member or friend's decision to "come out." As God reminded Elijah in 1 Kings 19, "you are not alone!" We at Outpost are here to provide support, encouragement, and resources. Whether you join Elijah Company here with us, or start a group of your own, we pray that you will find a way to encounter God, be equipped with truth, and be strengthened to walk in faithfulness to God and compassion toward your loved one. Amen.

Terminology

Before explaining this toolkit and how to use it, let's cover some terminology we use regularly. This is not only for the sake of one who might use this material to teach, but also for the sake of hearers and participants. These terms are worth discussing with everyone who engages with material from Outpost. As you use this toolkit in a small group environment, it is worth explaining these terms so that everyone is on the same page.

Homosexuality and Same-Sex Attraction

The term "homosexuality" is only used in the Bible as a description of certain behaviors, not as an identity like culture uses it today. At Outpost, our understanding of identity comes from what God says about us, not from how we see ourselves or what we reduce ourselves to. This is why at Outpost Ministries we reject the label of "gay Christian." We believe that as Christians we shouldn't identify by our present struggles, but rather by who we are in light of Christ and our God-given, eternal identity.

For ease of understanding, we use the term "same-sex attraction" to refer to same-sex sexual behavior, romantic same-sex attractions, and/or same-sex lust. We use the term "homosexuality" in particular to describe sexual behavior involving people of the same sex.

In both cases, these terms do not describe an unchanging identity of a person, as would be the case when using such terms as “gay,” homosexual,” or “the same-sex attracted.” In every case, we acknowledge someone’s experiences may be different from ours, while we also believe that God, not one’s feelings or past, is the One who declares who we fundamentally are.

Identity

The word “identity” is profound and vast. It can mean a general sense of “who I am” or can communicate belonging to a very specific group. For the purposes of this toolkit, and our ministry, we use the word identity to refer to identifying with the world that your embodiment indicates you belong to. In other words, someone with a male body identifies as a man who belongs to the world of men, and someone with a female body identifies as a woman who belongs to the world of women. Don’t worry, this will all make sense as you go through the resources.

For ease of understanding and writing, we use the term “gender identity” to refer to the above definition of identity. However, we assume that as soon as you read the word “gender,” all sorts of things flooded into your mind. This may have included frustrations, anger, or cultural biases or objections. We would ask you to set aside every preconception you have about the word and engage the material with an open mind to see what the Bible has to say about our identity as men or as women. To help you, we refrain from using the word “gender” as much as possible. However, understand that we use the term “gender identity” to mean identifying with the world that your embodiment indicates you belong to.

Toolkit: How to Use This Resource

As of this writing, Outpost has been around for about 48 years. That does not mean, however, that we have cornered the market on exactly how to talk about sexual and relational wholeness. What it does mean is that we desire to be able to share our approach to ministry in such a way that any church or ministry leader can be equipped to help others in these areas.

We have broken down the toolkit into three parts, where this introduction is Part I. Part II contains descriptions and information about the Bible and book study resources we recommend. These resources are chosen to help your group learn together how to walk faithfully with God in the midst of a loved one’s LGBTQ+ identity. We highly recommend that anyone leading or facilitating a group read ahead to get familiar with the upcoming material each week. Part III is the guided prayer sheets. These sheets provide a method your group can use to pray together each meeting, helping you to stay focused and spend extended time praying together, rather than spending time talking about praying.

The resources in this pack are enough to provide a group with material for one whole year of weekly, 90-minute-long meetings. We recommend meeting at least every other week for 60-90 minutes at a time. If you hold 90-minute meetings, we suggest spending half the time working on the Bible/book study and the other half in prayer. For a 60-minute meeting, we recommend alternating between Bible/book study and prayer each time you meet.

Important Principles

Before we jump into the lesson plans, we wanted to share five ideas that are important to emphasize in any group you might use this resource for. These principles are ones Outpost emphasizes with all our support groups and classes. We have found that it is worth regularly reminding participants of these principles because it is easy to slip away from them and begin to focus on the wrong things even as we seek to live faithfully in God's love and truth.

Expectations vs. Expectancy.

One of the things I often heard when I first joined Outpost was the difference between expectations and expectancy. Expectations are basically saying to God, "Okay God, I want this, this, and this, and You're going to do it this way in this timeframe." Expectations are an attitude that says "I know best." It is this posture that gets us into trouble, and it leads to bitterness toward God.

Expectancy, however, is saying to God, "God, I trust You to show up." It is a posture of trust in who God is and in His love for His children. Expectancy is also a posture of openness that knows Who is in charge and Who knows best. The expectant person can say, "God, You know all things. You love me and You want what is best for me. I also know that what is best for me may be (and likely is) different than what I think is best for me. I bring my feelings, thoughts, and desires to You. I know You listen and care, and I also know You will do what is best for me. I surrender my will and leave in Your hands how You may or may not answer this prayer." Wow. That takes a lot of faith. And yet God wants us to give Himself opportunities to earn our trust as we get to know Him as He is.

The reason we emphasize this at Outpost, and why it is worth emphasizing this as you use this material, is to set the stage properly. If someone is "looking for healing" from sexual or relational brokenness, yet demands in his/her heart that God bring about a specific result or feeling, that person will face tremendous disappointment and pain as he/she wrestles with God. We have had people come to Outpost expecting God to "not make them gay anymore," and when God tries to address deeper issues rather than "fix" certain feelings or behaviors, they get angry and say our ministry "didn't work." We've had people come expecting a program or process to "fix" a loved one and then get frustrated when the loved one isn't interested, or when healing takes longer than they hoped it would.

In both cases, these people did not come with expectancy, humbling themselves before God. Rather, they were demanding God do things their way. Emphasizing expectancy is a key way to point people back to relationship and connection with God, which is the end goal of everything we as followers of Jesus do.

Be here for you.

Many people, usually family members, who come to your group looking for support have just recently experienced some they love confessing to identifying as LGBTQ+. The family members or friends feel heartbroken and confused, which is understandable. However, in sharing their story, very often these people will ask the question, "Can you help us fix our LGBTQ+-identifying loved one?" They want whoever has "come out" to stop believing and feeling certain things. They may even desperately desire things to go back to the way things were.

While their feelings are understandable and their pain is real, people in this situation are tied to a desire for a formulaic system to solve the “real problem,” namely their loved one’s feelings and behaviors tied to sexuality and/or identity. Also, any desire for some kind of change in this case does not come down to seeing another’s life as out of line from his/her relationship with God, but ultimately to assuage one’s own fears and hurt. It is no longer doing something for God’s sake, but because the problem is the person experiencing confusion in sexuality or identity.

Ultimately, God wants to redeem and restore all people, and He wants His children to encounter Him and find their identity and security in Him. Pulling from the first principle of expectations versus expectancy, we are reminded that God knows the deeper and truer issues a person needs to work through with Him. This includes the person who thinks the real issue is another person struggling or identifying as LGBTQ+. God actually wants to redeem and restore the people coming in the door just as much as He wants to bring healing to the LGBTQ+-identifying individual they want to see changed.

This reality that God wants to transform the inquiring family member or friend just as much as He wants to minister to someone who identifies as LGBTQ+ is scary, frankly. It is easy for all of us to see other people’s sins and be blind to our own. If we’re honest, we don’t want to deal with our own hurts and ways we’ve hurt others. Jesus warned that we have the tendency to deny our brokenness and judge others for their brokenness (Matt. 7:1-6).

Since this material is specifically for family members or friends of those struggling or identifying as LGBTQ+, this principle is perhaps the most significant. It also ties into the previous principle on expectancy versus expectations. It takes great humility to have someone you love walk away from God and ask, “God, what work and healing do you want to do in me?” In the end, it is worth seeking God for how He wants each of us to be changed.

Understand what “healing” and “transformation” actually mean.

This principle alone takes up a good chunk of time whenever Outpost teaches our biblical identity and sexuality seminar. Why is that? Because the words “healing” and “transformation” are loaded terms, especially in Western culture’s vernacular.

When the average person hears the words “healing” and “transformation” in the context of identity and sexuality, he/she immediately thinks of “conversion therapy.” “Conversion therapy” is a nebulous and degrading term that is hard to pin down, mainly because its definition constantly changes. Essentially, the term covers any and all ideas and practices that do not help someone wholeheartedly embrace an LGBTQ+ identity. People assume that Outpost is attempting to “force gay people to become straight,” even going so far as to assume we engage in harmful practices, such as electroshock therapy. The goal, in their mind, is that we are attempting to force people to change their feelings and behaviors to become “heteronormative.”

Besides the fact that our ministry has never engaged in such practices, people who believe these things miss our entire focus and definition of what “healing” and “transformation” are.

The Bible’s ultimate definition of healing is the transformation of our identity. Those who claim Christ were once enemies of God, and now they are children of God. A Christian is not someone who is more moral than other people. Rather, a Christian is someone who has a completely new identity,

based solely on the finished work of Jesus Christ. What used to define and name us no longer has that power or authority. It doesn't matter what came before; the Christian is a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This means, then, that the goal of the Christian is not mere change in behaviors or feelings. Instead, the goal is to know God personally and to live out the new identity God already has given the Christian. This is why Outpost has often used the quote, "The opposite of homosexuality is not heterosexuality; it is holiness." Simply put, God wants to redeem and restore all people in all areas of life. In the case of pursuing sexual and relational wholeness, the goal is not to simply stop certain broken behaviors and feelings. Rather, God invites each person into a richer and fuller life with Him, which entails a life that is no longer named by particular attractions or feelings. As you, or those you are leading, pursue walking with God faithfully, continue to come back to what the true end goal is: God Himself.

Wholeness, not brokenness.

You may have noticed that we have used the phrase "sexual and relational wholeness," and the picture of moving towards that, much more than we've used the phrase "sexual and relational brokenness" in this introduction. In fact, the title for our [Foundations](#) course includes the phrase "a biblical path to healing and wholeness." Why is this the case?

Let's start with what we are not saying. We are not saying people do not struggle with sexual and relational brokenness. We believe that all people, regardless of their behaviors or background, are sexually and relationally broken. It is part of our experience in this broken world.

We are also not saying that someone is magically "fixed" or experiences total freedom and transformation of identity the minute he/she become a Christian. While it is true that a Christian is a totally new creation the moment he/she accepts Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), that does not always translate into immediate and full experience of that reality. You may have heard the phrase "already, not yet" in reference to the Christian life. That phrase is an accurate description of our lives as Christians. We are already made new in Christ, yet it takes our entire lives for that reality to become more of our tangible experience. Being made new in Christ does not mean our feelings, thoughts, and behaviors change automatically.

So why the term "sexual and relational wholeness?" Far from mere semantics, the key here is what God is pointing us towards. During a prayer meeting I had with a former Outpost President and Joshua Fellowship coordinator, he pointed out something I had never heard before: instead of only focusing on what I needed freedom from (my acting out sexual behaviors and emotional dependency), he said I should ask God what He wanted me to have the freedom to do. Sure, I could get sober, but why? What were these behaviors getting in the way of? What would I be free to do as I was healing from my addictions?

Most of us approach a problem in our life, let's label it "X," by focusing on the problem. That's my default, at least. Here's the trouble with that approach: if my focus is simply, "Stop doing X," it's not just that I will have no real motivation to change. At this point, I have nothing good to replace X with. I also have to see that my main motivation for stopping X is actually selfish and self-absorbed. I don't truly want to stop X because X breaks God's heart. Rather, I want to stop X because it makes me look

bad, or I want to stop feeling shame, or I want to not experience the consequences of doing X. At that point, I have no clear vision of the future of life without X because I am only focused on X. Ultimately, an approach that focuses on the problem keeps us trapped in our lack of vision and hope.

The idea of sexual and relational wholeness is meant to give us a clear vision for our future, a life that reflects God's glory in our identity, sexuality, and relationships. This is important for all people to wrestle with and grasp. We aren't just trying to get rid of sexual and relational brokenness; we are pursuing God and how to walk in the new life we have in Christ. As we experience more wholeness in our own life, we can share our testimony of God's work with those who are embracing an LGBTQ+ identity. As you create a support group using this toolkit, it is worth highlighting this principle and reminding participants of it often.

There's actually another reason we focus on wholeness rather than brokenness, which has to do with the final principle.

Always come back to the Gospel of Grace.

This principle separates Christ-centered healing from all other philosophies and schools of thought. We would argue this principle is also the most important. Without this principle, no one can or will truly enter into sexual and relational wholeness.

Even though I have been a Christian most of my life, even though I understand the Bible's message of the Gospel, I can still lose sight of the Gospel easily. Throughout my recovery journey, I constantly fall back into performance and perfectionism. I focus on how much I am succeeding or failing, how pure my motives are, how I feel like I have to "get it all together" before God will actually love me or do healing work in my life. To put it bluntly, I constantly forget the Gospel and operate out of the dead path of religiosity.

Here's the reality, though. As discussed in the third principle, the Christian is already a new creation through Jesus. Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension fulfilled everything that we need in order to have a personal relationship with God. Jesus' perfect life has been credited to us, so God treats us as Jesus deserves to be treated. Jesus also died to pay the penalty for our sin, which is the fact that we constantly reject God and choose to live as our own masters. In His death, Jesus was treated as we deserve to be treated by God: utterly forsaken and driven away.

Why do I, and you, need to come back to this constantly? Because the Gospel changes how we approach our struggles. The Christian does not attempt to step out of sexual and relational brokenness in order to earn God's love. The Christian already has that! Rather, we receive and experience God's love, and from there we learn to obey and love in response to God. The Christian does not work to obtain a new identity, but works to live out the new identity already received. This is true for everyone, not just those who have struggled with issues around sexuality and gender identity.

Coming back to the Gospel is also critical because everyone who pursues sexual and relational wholeness will fail. A lot. In fact, our experience as a ministry is that in the healing journey, things almost always get worse before they get better. It's in those times we must come back to grace. God is very patient and kind. While He does not condone sin, He also is eager for us to experience His

forgiveness and cleansing. God wants us to step out of lies we believe about Him and ourselves, resting in what He has already done to set us free.

This principle plays into every other principle and every bit of teaching in the resources to follow. We can have expectancy because we begin to believe we are already loved and accepted through Jesus. We can trust God on behalf of our loved ones because God's love for them is greater than our own. We can approach sexual and relational wholeness for ourselves, because our well-being is no longer tied to anyone else but God. We can pursue biblical healing and transformation because that is the heartbeat of the Gospel for all people, not just those who struggle with LGBTQ+ feelings or identities. We can pursue wholeness because we are no longer defined by our brokenness, but are defined by God's words about us, freeing us to live faithful, compassionate lives.

Group Boundaries

Due to the nature of the conversations and prayers shared within a group like Elijah Company, we encourage your group to set and agree to three boundaries. Some groups find it useful to make a handout of the boundaries for clear communication, some even have people sign that they've read and agree to the boundaries. Use whatever level of formality makes sense for your group. Here is how we talk about the boundaries at Outpost.

Focused

During group meetings, the group's focus is to remain on the matters at hand: the study material and/or the prayer time. Regular group meetings are not designed as a social gathering, but as a time to meet with God and God's people. The purpose of the meeting is to hear from God and learn how to put those messages into practice.

For the Bible/book study time, we ask that participants come to each meeting prepared to contribute. This means completing as much of the outside-of-meeting reading and activities as possible on their own time. Additionally, remember to only share comments and ask questions that are on-topic and relevant to the current discussion. In many cases, questions or comments that are off-topic one week will be on-topic in a subsequent week, so there will be a chance to have that discussion at the later time.

During the prayer times, the group's focus is on praying for the vast majority of the time. For some participants, a lengthy prayer time is a new experience, so we've broken the time up into smaller sections. Especially during the intercession section, the focus is on praying for one another's loved ones, not talking about praying. Rather than spending time sharing prayer requests and then having a short time of prayer, participants share their requests through their prayers.

Confidential

What is shared in the group stays in the group, and is not be shared outside the group. This includes names and identities of other participants unless enthusiastic permission has been given to do so. This includes sharing with a spouse, parent, significant other, mentor, church prayer chain, etc.

We encourage participants to share what God is doing in their own life with others outside the group, including family members, church leaders, and friends as appropriate.

In other words, participants can share their own stories outside of the group, but will hold the stories of others in confidence.

Safe

In this group, participants are committed to wrestling through the truth of God's Word and caring for the deep hurts of one another's hearts. Thus, everyone should be able to share their thoughts, hurts, and feelings without fear of being shamed, ridiculed, or ignored. Any response to another's thoughts, hurts, and feelings is done with the intent of seeking to understand their meaning clearly and is to be filled with grace and humility. The group is not a space to try and "fix" another or dictate another's beliefs. It is a place where all participants can share their experiences with God and give testimony to God's work in their lives.

Additionally, no one should feel pressured to share more than he or she is comfortable sharing with the group. Not everyone is ready to share at the same time, and not everyone has the same boundaries about what is private information. Creating a safe place to share sometimes means waiting patiently and allowing God to work through silence as well as speech.

It is appropriate, with permission, to lay hands on people in prayer. It is not appropriate to stroke or caress during prayer. It is appropriate, with permission, to hug someone lightly. Any touch which seems erotic, seductive, lingering or otherwise inappropriate needs to be reported to your group leader, or if it involves the group leader, to a trusted pastor or other church leader.

Group Administration

Starting Out

No matter the size of your church, we can be sure that members of your community are impacted by the rising number of people, especially young adults, identifying as LGBTQ+. Providing a space within your church community for your people whose loved ones fall into that category will require a combination of honesty, humility, and honor for all those who are hurting.

First, it will be important to identify a small group of individuals who are interested in being part of a support group like Elijah Company. Bring that group together and have them read this guide and make some initial decisions about the group.

- How often the group will meet: weekly or every other week
- How long each meeting will last: 60 minute, 90 minutes, or 2 hours
- The day, time, and location of the meeting
- Who will serve as the group facilitators, both for the study time and the prayer time
- How you want to find new members

How often and how long the group meets will determine each meeting's agenda. As mentioned earlier, with 90-minute or 2-hour meetings, we suggest spending half the time working on the

Bible/book study and the other half in prayer. For a 60-minute meeting, we recommend alternating between Bible/book study and prayer each time you meet.

Identifying group facilitators/leaders isn't about finding someone who "has it all together." Rather, a group facilitator is someone in the group who has a heart for walking with hurting people, and who is willing and able to facilitate a group discussion or prayer time. In most cases, facilitators will be people who have been walking alongside an LGBTQ+-identified loved one for just a little longer than others in the group. Still, a facilitator need not be the "expert" in the group; the recommended study resources and God are the experts for the group. Facilitators help the group stay connected and focused on the study and prayers.

Some groups work with the pastoral and/or care staff at church to find new members and invite them directly. Other groups list the new support group on their website. However your group decides to connect with new members, we do recommend a short vetting or expectation setting process for those who are interested in joining after the group gets started. See below for some ideas about such a process.

Once the initial group has met, you can plan for a first meeting. Set your time, date, and location, and then reach out to potential new members and invite them to the first meeting. The purpose of the first meeting is to introduce everyone to each other, discuss the reason for your group, set a vision of what your group will be like, establish expectations about participation and boundaries, and hand out the first book to everyone. All of these discussions will be specific to your group, although we encourage you to use the ideas in this toolkit as a guide.

Bible Study

Bible or book study time will be organized based on which resource the group is reading. We estimate needing 45-60 minutes to cover the material for any given week. The recommended books cover 45 chapters of material, and we recommend scheduling one additional week per book for any introduction or wrap-up conversations your group would like to have. See [Part II](#) of this document for more details on the resources and how to use them.

We encourage your group to identify a study facilitator; it can be the same person all the time or a small group of people can take turns. The study facilitator's job is threefold. First, he/she is responsible to welcome newcomers and provide reminders as needed of the group boundaries. Second, he/she will move the group through the questions or discussion points of the week's study. Third, he/she will help keep the discussion focused on the evening's topic and keep track of questions that should be revisited later.

Prayer Time

The prayer time is divided into 6 sections: praise, silent confession, thanksgiving, intercession, yielding, and commitment. We estimate 20 minutes for praise, confession, and thanksgiving, 20 minutes for intercession, and 5 minutes for the final two prayers. The whole time is structured to take about 45 minutes. The time estimates on the sheets are given as a guide, not as a requirement. As you meet week to week, your group will develop a rhythm of its own, and you can adjust the times to meet the needs of your group. See [Part III](#) of this document for more information and the prayer sheets.

We encourage your group to identify someone to act as the prayer leader each week; it can be the same person all the time or a small group of people can take turns. This person does not necessarily need to be the same person as the study facilitator. The prayer leader's job is threefold. First, he/she is responsible to explain how the prayer time works to newcomers and to provide reminders as needed of the group boundaries. Second, he/she will help move the group from section to section of the guide sheet using verbal cues. Third, he/she will help the group keep focused on praying rather than talking about praying, especially during the intercession section of the prayer time.

Adding New Members

When adding new members to a group that has already begun, we recommend a short vetting process before someone starts attending meetings. The purpose of such a process is about making sure everyone is on the same page with their expectations of the group's purpose and meetings. It allows an opportunity for a group facilitator or church leader to go over the group boundaries before someone's first meeting, and gives new participants a chance to ask any questions they may have.

For many churches, this process is simply a one-on-one meeting between the potential new participant and a group facilitator. The facilitator will take time to give new participants a chance to share their family story and hear what kind of support they are seeking. The facilitator can then share his/her story and what he/she has found for support in the group. The facilitator should also take time to briefly explain the basics of when the group meets and what each meeting is like. Finally, the facilitator can outline your group's boundaries and see if new people have any questions.

If your group sounds like a good match to the potential new participant, the facilitator can give him/her a copy of the current book and share the details of the next meeting. At someone's first meeting, it will be important to do at least some basic introductions around the room. Another idea is to suspend the usual agenda and instead do more involved introductions that include a little of everyone's story of what God has been doing in and through your group thus far. Either option can be successful; choose the one that fits your group and its dynamics.

Additional Support

As your group is meeting, it will be important for the group facilitators to have support from many places. Outpost Ministries can be one of those places of support. Our staff is available by email and phone to help with urgent questions, and we are also offering a monthly group leader support call for general discussion and leader training. To get on the email list for those support calls, send a request to outpostinfo@outpostministries.org. A member of our staff will respond within 2 business days.

Study Resources

We have assembled a list of 4 resources that we believe are a helpful starting point for those who have loved ones who are questioning or that have embraced an LGBTQ+ identity. These resources together contain 45 chapters of material, and we recommend covering one chapter per meeting. At the end of each book, we suggest a meeting time to “wrap up” any final thoughts or discussions the group may have.

We recommend using the materials in the order presented here. We have chosen these materials because of their trusted teaching and clear presentation of ideas. There may be topics your group wants to spend 2 weeks on, or times when your group will need an extra meeting to get through all the discussion points. Your leadership or facilitator team can decide what will be best for your participants and adjust accordingly.

Each of the sections below links to a place to order each book. Note that not all books are available on all bookseller websites. We encourage you to check Christian Book Distributors as well as author websites to purchase these resources for you.

Book Descriptions

[*Reclaim, Restore, and Rebuild: Hope for Families*](#), Carol L. Wagstaff, M.A.

Carol founded Living Stones Ministries while serving on the pastoral team of a Nazarene church in California. Her personal story includes having been married to a youth pastor who left the ministry to embrace an LGBTQ+ identity. This choice, and his subsequent death from AIDS, informs her writing and ministry. This book is a study of the story of Nehemiah and will help participants apply principles to reclaim, restore, and rebuild their relationship with their sexually-broken loved one.

[*Reclaim, Restore, and Rebuild*](#) has 10 chapters, and every copy includes a Leader’s Guide in the back. We recommend participants complete each chapter’s study between meetings, and then the facilitator follow the guide for discussion during the meeting.

[*Trans-Formation: A Former Transgender Responds to LGBTQ*](#), Linda Seiler, PhD

Linda is an ordained Assemblies of God minister, National Chi Alpha missionary, and the executive director of ReStory Ministries. For much of her young adult life, Linda planned to change her name to David, have sex reassignment surgery, and live happily ever after. But God had other plans. This book recounts Linda’s testimony of transformation, outlines a restorative theology of our bodies, sexuality, and transformation, and also provides practical information on engaging well with our culture and loved ones.

[*Trans-Formation*](#) has 15 chapters, and each chapter includes a set of discussion questions for reflection. We recommend having participants read a chapter a week on their own and then discussing the questions as a group when the group meets.

[*The Daring Rescue*](#), Melinda Hardy Patrick

Melinda is the Director of Parent Support for His Wonderful Works, the host of the award-winning podcast *The Bridge Between Us*, and a mom to a daughter who identifies as LGBTQ+. This book

provides encouragement to love well while holding to the truth of God’s Word, along with practical steps for joining Jesus in His pursuit of your loved one’s heart.

The Daring Rescue has 12 chapters, and each chapter includes three sections for the group to engage with together:

- An action step that can be applied immediately,
- A reminder of important lessons learned in the chapter, and
- An opportunity to dig deeper into Scripture.

We recommend participants read a chapter a week on their own, and then have the group do the activity and discuss the final points together at the meeting.

[Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Workbook, with Video Streaming](#), Peter Scazzero and Geri Scazzero

Peter and Geri Scazzero led and pastored a church in Queens for 26 years. Their experiences there led them to co-found Emotionally Healthy Discipleship, a ministry of transformation dedicated to helping churches and individuals to understand the link between emotional and spiritual maturity and to pursue emotional health and maturity.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality is the first book in a 2-book course on Emotionally Healthy Discipleship. The workbook contains 8 chapters, and each chapter has 2 short videos to access at StudyGateway.com, using an access code in the workbook. We recommend following the schedule given in the leader’s guide of the back of the workbook, which recommends 90-120 minutes for each chapter. We suggest all groups switch to a schedule of alternating study and prayer times from meeting to meeting, regardless of the length of your regular meeting.

For an even more in-depth experience, your group can also incorporate [Emotionally Healthy Spirituality](#) and [Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day](#), both by Peter Scazzero. These books integrate with the 8 lessons in the workbook to provide further explanation of the concepts. Additionally, Day by Day provides a guide for incorporating the “slow-down spirituality” described in the book to participants’ daily lives.

Next Steps

Once your group has completed these 4 books, consult our website for more recommendations. We publish a list of current recommended resources on our “Resources” page, and many of the titles there will work in a group setting for study and discussion. Our staff is also happy to help you pick a title if you are unsure what would be helpful for your group to do next.

Prayer Sheets

This section contains 52 guided prayer sheets, enough for one full year of prayer times. When you first start meeting, it will be helpful to remind people of the process each time you use the guides. After a bit of time, the leader can outline the process whenever new people join the group. Here is how we recommend spending time in each section of the prayer sheets. Remember the three boundaries of the meeting time: be a safe place to wrestle with the hard questions, maintain confidentiality, and stay focused.

Praise. As a group, spend time praising God for who He is. The prayer leader should read the attribute and definition out loud, with individual participants reading each of the passages out loud for the group. Using the attribute, definition, and scripture passages as jumping-off points, spend 8-10 minutes in praise to God. Refrain from asking God for anything during this section, but rather stay focused on speaking the truth about who God is. At an appropriate time, the prayer leader can wrap up by praising God for his mercy to us and begin the next section.

Confession. Individually, spend time in silent confession. The prayer leader should read the verse from 1 John 1:9 and encourage people to spend a few minutes in silent confession. No one needs to pray out loud during these 2-3 minutes, but rather spend time listening to God and praying silently. During this time, if God reveals something to a participant that he/she wants to share with or confess aloud to someone else, that confession should take place after the prayer meeting has concluded. After 2-3 minutes have passed, the prayer leader closes this time by thanking God for forgiveness.

Thanksgiving. Back as a group, spend time thanking God for what He has done since the last time the group met. The prayer leader can read the reminder text and verse, or simply begin the time by thanking God for a specific situation. As with the praise time, refrain from asking God for anything during this section, but stay focused on thanksgiving. Spend 10-15 minutes on this section, and encourage one another to be specific about God's work in their life and the life of their loved one. Nothing is too small to be thankful for, and we encourage the group to not limit their prayers to just the physical world or only think about spiritual growth, but thank God for moving in all areas of life. The prayer leader can wrap this section up when appropriate.

Intercession. In groups of 2 or 3, spend time praying for your loved ones, guided by the included scripture. Participants take turns leading out in prayer for their loved ones. First, read the scripture verse, inserting the loved one's name in the blanks. Use the words as a starting point for prayer, and also include a specific request for their life. The other person(s) in the small group can then pray the scripture verse over that loved one and also intercede for the specific request. After one loved one has been prayed for, repeat for the other participants and their loved ones. Spend 5-7 minutes praying for each loved one in total. After all groups have concluded their intercession time, come back together into one large group for the final two prayers.

Yielding & Commitment. As a group, read aloud the final two prayers in unison. Each person can insert the name of his/her loved one into the blank spaces of the Yielding prayer. The prayer leader can help get the group started for each prayer, and may choose to read the description of each section before beginning the prayer.

Prayer sheets are presented alphabetically in this section, but may be used in any order. Click on the attribute of God below to jump to the prayer sheet for that attribute. Print as many copies as you need each week. The individual pdf files are also available for download from our website.

<u>Able</u>	<u>Glorious</u>	<u>Love</u>	<u>Revealer</u>
<u>Awesome</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Merciful</u>	<u>Righteous</u>
<u>Compassionate</u>	<u>Gracious</u>	<u>Mighty</u>	<u>Rock</u>
<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Guards</u>	<u>Miracle Worker</u>	<u>Savior</u>
<u>Creator</u>	<u>Heals</u>	<u>Omnipotent</u>	<u>Shepherd</u>
<u>Defender</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Omnipresent</u>	<u>Shield</u>
<u>Deliverer</u>	<u>Holy</u>	<u>Portion</u>	<u>Sovereign</u>
<u>Faithful</u>	<u>Hope</u>	<u>Potter</u>	<u>Supreme</u>
<u>Father</u>	<u>Jealous</u>	<u>Pure</u>	<u>Sustains</u>
<u>Finisher</u>	<u>Just</u>	<u>Redeemer</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<u>Fortress</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Reigns</u>	<u>Trustworthy</u>
<u>Friend</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>Rescues</u>	<u>Truth</u>
<u>Gentle</u>	<u>Living God</u>	<u>Resurrection</u>	<u>Wise</u>

God is Able

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Able

Definition: One who has sufficient power, ability, and resources

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 3:20-21; Hebrews 7:25

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, fulfill Your purposes for _____; Your love, Lord, endures forever – do not abandon him/her, as _____ is the work of Your hands.* (Psalm 138:8 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do. (From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Awesome

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Awesome

Definition: One who inspires awe; majestic, magnificent, wondrous, astonishing, amazing, breathtaking

Scripture(s): Exodus 15:11; Job 37:22; Psalm 47:1-2; Psalm 66:1-5

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may _____ call to You and hear You answer him/her as You tell him/her great and unsearchable things _____ doesn't know.* (Jeremiah 33:3 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do. (From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Compassionate

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Compassionate

Definition: One who is caring, loving, and empathetic

Scripture(s): Psalm 116:5; Psalm 145:8-9; Lamentations 3:22-23

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, in Your compassion, create in _____ a pure heart, and renew a steadfast spirit within him/her. Do not cast _____ from Your presence, but restore him/her to the joy of Your salvation and grant him/her a willing spirit, to sustain him/her.* (Psalm 51:10-12 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do.

(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is our Counselor

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Counselor

Definition: One who gives advice, guidance, and direction

Scripture(s): Psalm 119:24; John 14:16-17; John 14: 25-26

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, may _____ accept discipline and correction in his/her life and not go astray.* (Proverbs 10:17 NLT)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do.

(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)



God is our Creator

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Creator

Definition: The one who brought into existence the universe and all matter and life within it

Scripture(s): Genesis 1:1; Psalm 148:1-6; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, You created _____ . May he/she know that he/she is fearfully and wonderfully made.* (Psalm 139:14 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do. (From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is our Defender

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Defender

Definition: One who protects from danger, attack or harm; guards and shields

Scripture(s): Deuteronomy 10:17-18; Psalm 68:5; Psalm 72:4

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord God, I pray _____ will watch and pray so that he/she will not fall into temptation.* (Matthew 26:41a NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do. (From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is our Deliverer

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Deliverer

Definition: One who sets free or saves another from captivity, hardship or evil

Scripture(s): Psalm 18:1-3; Psalm 91:14-16; Matthew 6:13

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, I pray _____ will submit himself/herself to You. I ask that _____ will be able to resist the devil so that he will flee from him/her.* (James 4:7 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do. (From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Faithful

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Faithful

Definition: One who is reliable, constant, loyal, unwavering, steadfast and dependable

Scripture(s): Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 33:3-4; Psalm 36:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, may I be confident of this, that You who began a good work in _____ will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 1:6 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do. (From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is our Father

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Father

Definition: One who is our parent and protector

Scripture(s): 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 6:18; 1 John 3:1

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, I pray _____ will see how very much the Father loves him/her, for You call _____ Your child.* (1 John 3:1a NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do. (From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is the Finisher

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is the Finisher

Definition: One who completes, perfects, and fulfills; brings to an end

Scripture(s): Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 1:6; Joh 19:30

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Jesus, may _____'s only aim be to finish the race and complete the task You have given him/her—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.* (Acts 20:24 NIV)

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God is our Fortress

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Fortress

Definition: One who is a fortified place, a stronghold, and a place of security

Scripture(s): Psalm 18:1-3, Psalm 91:1-7, Proverbs 14:26, Psalm 59:16-17

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, may _____ turn to You as his/her refuge and strength, for You are always ready to help in times of trouble.* (Psalm 46:1 NLT)

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God is our Friend

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Friend

Definition: One who is attached to another by affection or regard; a supporter and confidant

Scripture(s): Exodus 33:11; John 15:13-15; James 2:23

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, I pray _____ will not be afraid or dismayed because You are with him/her. Strengthen and help _____, uphold him/her with your righteous right hand.* (Isaiah 41:10 NIV)

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God is Gentle

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Gentle

Definition: One who is mild in temperament or behavior; kind or tender; not harsh or severe

Scripture(s): Isaiah 40:11; 1 Kings 19:11-12; Matthew 11:28-29; Matthew 21:5

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may _____ come to you, when weary and burdened, for rest. May _____ take Your yoke upon him/her and learn from you, for You are gentle and humble in heart, and _____ will find rest for his/her soul.*
(Matthew 11:28-29 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Glorious

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Glorious

Definition: One having or deserving glory; famous, beautiful, having splendor, or magnificent

Scripture(s): Nehemiah 9:5b-6; Psalm 72:18-19; Psalm 145:5

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Jesus, I pray _____ will believe, and see the glory of God.* (John 11:40 NIV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)



God is Good

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Good

Definition: One who is virtuous, excellent, and upright

Scripture(s): Psalm 25:8, Nahum 1:7, John 10:11

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, turn _____'s eyes from looking at what is worthless, and give him/her life in Your ways.* (Psalm 119:37 CSB)

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God is Gracious

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Gracious

Definition: One who is full of grace, kindness, mercy, and compassion

Scripture(s): Nehemiah 9:31; Psalm 86:15; Psalm 145:8

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, I pray _____ will be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.* (James 1:19 NIV)

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God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do.
(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God Guards

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God Guards

Definition: One who protects from harm or danger, keeps watch over, and keeps secure

Scripture(s): Psalm 91:11; Psalm 97:10; Isaiah 52:12

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

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Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, You are a mighty tower where _____ can run for safety.* (Proverbs 18:10 CEV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God Heals

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God Heals

Definition: One who restores to original purity, integrity, or health

Scripture(s): Psalm 30:2; Psalm 103:1-5; Isaiah 53:5

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, as You heal the brokenhearted, heal _____ and bind up his/her wounds.* (Psalm 147:3 NIV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is our Helper

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Helper

Definition: One who assists, aids, eases, or relieves

Scripture(s): Deuteronomy 33:26; Psalm 18:6; Psalm 121:2

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

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Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *May _____ not be yoked together with unbelievers, but rather come to you so you may be his/her God.*
(2 Corinthians 6:14a, 16 NIV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Holy

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Holy

Definition: One who is spiritually perfect or pure, sinless, and deserving adoration

Scripture(s): Isaiah 5:16; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 15:4

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, please create a desire in _____ to come out from unbelievers and be set apart, that You would be his/her Father and _____ would be Your son/daughter.* (2 Corinthians 6:17-18 NKJV)

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God is our Hope

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Hope

Definition: One who is our confidence, trust, expectation, or desire

Scripture(s): Isaiah 40:28-31; Lamentations 3:21-25; Romans 15:4

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God of hope, may You fill _____ with all joy and peace as he/she trusts in You, so that _____ may overflow with hope by the power of Your Holy Spirit.* (Romans 15:13 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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God is Jealous

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Jealous

Definition: Consuming Fire; zealous about protecting what is precious to Him

Scripture(s): Exodus 20:4-6; Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:23-24; James 4:5-6

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, I pray that _____ will live a self-controlled, upright and godly life. May _____ be Your own and be eager to do right.* (Titus 2:12b, 14 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

Commitment – Stating our desire to stand firm and believe God has heard our prayers and will answer.

God, we thank You that each of these loved ones will be coming home to You. We leave the day to You, Lord, as we wait in faithfulness and belief. For as the rain and snow fall from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so Your word that comes from Your mouth will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You please and will prosper in what You send it to do. (From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Just

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Just

Definition: One who is right or fair, impartial, correct, true, and upright

Scripture(s): Psalm 9:7-8; Romans 3:23-26; Revelation 15:3

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, I pray _____ will do what is right, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.* (Micah 6:8b NLT)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Life

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Life

Definition: One who is our physical, mental and spiritual experiences; who constitutes our existence

Scripture(s): Nehemiah 9:6; John 5:21; John 6:47-51

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, please give _____ an undivided heart and put a new spirit in him/her; remove from _____ his/her heart of stone and give him/her a heart of flesh. Then _____ will be Yours and You will be his/her God.*
(Ezekiel 11:19-20 NIV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Light

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Light

Definition: One who is our spiritual illumination, enlightenment, and truth

Scripture(s): 2 Samuel 22:29; Psalm 119:105; John 8:12

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God, may _____ put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.* (Romans 13:12 NIV)

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The Living God

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: The Living God

Definition: The Living Word; The Christ; The Power of Life; eternally active

Scripture(s): Jeremiah 10:10,12; Daniel 6:26; Matthew 16:16-17; Hebrews 12:22-24

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, I pray that _____'s soul will long, yes, even faint, for Your court; may his/her heart and flesh cry out for the living God.* (Psalm 84:2 NKJV)

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God is Love

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Love

Definition: One who is strong and has intense affection, benevolence, kindness, and tenderness

Scripture(s): Psalm 136:1-9; Ephesians 3:16-19; 1 John 3:1

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, I pray _____ will love the Lord his/her God with all his/her heart and with all his/her soul and with all his/her mind.* (Matthew 22:37 NIV)

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God is Merciful

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Merciful

Definition: One who is full of mercy, kindness, and compassion

Scripture(s): Deuteronomy 4:31; Daniel 9:9; 1 Peter 1:3-5

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, do not withhold Your compassion from _____. May Your mercy and truth continually watch over him/her. Be pleased, Lord, to rescue _____ and hurry to help him/her.* (Psalm 40:11,13 NIV)

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God is Mighty

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Mighty

Definition: One who has or shows great power, skill, strength, or force

Scripture(s): Psalm 62:7-8; Psalm 147:5; Jeremiah 32:19

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, reach down Your hand from on high; deliver _____ and rescue him/her from the mighty waters, from the hands of those whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.* (Psalm 144:7-8 NIV)

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God is the Miracle Worker

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is the Miracle Worker

Definition: One who performs unexplainable and supernatural acts

Scripture(s): 1 Chronicles 16:8-12; Psalm 77:11-14; Jeremiah 32:20

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may _____ remember Your deeds; may he/she remember Your miracles of long ago. May he/she consider Your works and meditate on all Your mighty deeds.* (Psalm 77:11-12 NIV)

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God is Omnipotent

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Omnipotent

Definition: All powerful; having unlimited power or authority; almighty

Scripture(s): Psalm 89:8-13; Jeremiah 32:17; Ephesians 3:20-21; Hebrews 1:3

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may _____ hope in You and renew his/her strength. May he/she soar on wings like eagles; may _____ run and not grow weary, and walk and not be faint.* (Isaiah 40:31 NIV)

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God is Omnipresent

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Omnipresent

Definition: One who present at all places at all times

Scripture(s): Psalm 139:5-10; Jeremiah 23:24; Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 8:35, 38-39

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, I pray that _____ will never escape from Your Spirit and never get away from Your presence.*
(Psalm 139:7 NLT)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is our Portion

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Portion

Definition: A share, part, one's possession, an award (from God); as a believer, the right to be part of God's family and join the community of worshippers of the living God

Scripture(s): Psalm 73:26; Psalm 119:57-58; Psalm 142:5; Matthew 6:33

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may _____ know You have not forgotten him/her, but that You have engraved _____ on the palms of Your hands.* (Isaiah 49:15-16 NIV)

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is the Potter

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is the Potter

Definition: The Creator who has authority over His creation; one who molds and shapes

Scripture(s): Psalm 100:3; Isaiah 45:5-9; Romans 9:20-26; 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord our Father, may _____ know that he/she is the clay, and You are the potter; he/she is the work of Your hand.* (Isaiah 64:8 NIV)

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God is Pure

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Pure

Definition: One who is without blemish or fault; holy, sinless, perfect

Scripture(s): Psalm 19:9; James 3:17; 1 John 3:2-3

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *May _____ fear the Lord and hate evil; may he/she hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior, and perverse speech.* (Proverbs 8:13 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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God is our Redeemer

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Redeemer

Definition: One who delivers from sin by paying a ransom price.

Scripture(s): Job 19:25; Isaiah 48:17; Galatians 3:13-14; Ephesians 1:7

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may _____ return to You even now, rending his/her heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. May _____ know that You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in loving kindness.* (Joel 2:12-13 NASB)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)



God Reigns

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God Reigns

Definition: One who exercises sovereign power; rules

Scripture(s): Exodus 15:18; 1 Chronicles 16:31; Psalm 47:8

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: Lord, may _____ be Yours, and may You be his/her God. Give _____ one heart and one way, that he/she may fear You always, for his/her own good, and for the good of _____'s children after him/her. (Jeremiah 32:38-39 NASB)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God Rescues

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God Rescues

Definition: One who saves or delivers from confinement, danger, or evil.

Scripture(s): Psalm 91:14-16; Proverbs 11:8; Galatians 1:3-4

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, I pray _____ will know the truth and the truth will set him/her free.* (John 8:32 NIV)

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Jesus is the Resurrection

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: Jesus is the Resurrection

Definition: Risen from death; giving us new life; a living hope; an imperishable inheritance

Scripture(s): John 11:21-25; Romans 6:9-10; 1 Peter 1:3-4; Revelation 1:17-18

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may _____ put off the old self which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of his/her mind, and may _____ put on the new self which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.* (Ephesians 4: 22-24 NIV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is the Revealer

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is the Revealer

Definition: One who makes known or brings into view; discloses

Scripture(s): Daniel 2:19-23; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Revelation 15:4

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may You give _____ the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You.* (Ephesians 1:17 NASB)

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God is Righteous

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Righteous

Definition: One who is just, true, honorable, blameless, and upright

Scripture(s): Psalm 71:14-19; Psalm 116:5; Psalm 129:4

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, don't let _____ do wrong on purpose, or let sin have control over his/her life.* (Psalm 19:13a CEV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is our Rock

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Rock

Definition: Firm foundation, immovable, stable, dependable, refuge, and unbreakable

Scripture(s): Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 18:2; Matthew 7:24-25

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may You keep _____ in perfect peace because his/her mind is steadfast and he/she trusts in You. May _____ trust in You forever; You, are the Rock eternal.* (Isaiah 26:3-4 NIV)

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God is our Savior

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Savior

Definition: A person who saves, rescues, preserves from harm or danger, and keeps safe

Scripture(s): 2 Samuel 22:3; Psalm 68:19; 1 John 4:14

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *May _____ not be ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.* (Romans 1:16 NIV)

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God is our Shepherd

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Shepherd

Definition: One who cares for, guards, and tends sheep

Scripture(s): Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:14-16; Revelation 7:17

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, fulfill Your words to search for _____ and look after him/her. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, look after _____. Rescue _____ from all the places where he/she was scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.”* (Ezekiel 34:11-12 NIV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is our Shield

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Shield

Definition: One who is our means of defense or protection

Scripture(s): 2 Samuel 22:1-3; Psalm 84:11; Proverbs 2:7-8

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, may _____ know that You watch over him/her, that You are a shade at _____'s right hand.*
(Psalm 121:5 NIV)

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(From Isaiah 55:10-11, CSB)

God is Sovereign

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Sovereign

Definition: One who is above or superior to all others; controls everything; can do anything

Scripture(s): 2 Samuel 7:22; Psalm 71:5; Jeremiah 32:17

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *In Your faithful enduring love, Lord, fulfill Your purpose for _____'s life; do not abandon the work of Your hands.* (Psalm 138:8 CSB)

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God is Supreme

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Supreme

Definition: Highest in rank, power, and authority; superior, highest in degree; utmost

Scripture(s): Psalm 95:3-7; Isaiah 44:6-8; Colossians 1:15-18

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, I pray _____ will be still and know that You are God. May he/she exalt You among the nations and exalt You in the earth.* (Psalm 46:10 NIV)

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God Sustains

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God Sustains

Definition: One who strengthens, supports, assists, or carries

Scripture(s): Psalm 18:35; Psalm 54:4; Psalm 147:6

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, I pray You will be the light and salvation that keeps _____ from fear. Be _____'s stronghold, that he/she would not be afraid.* (Psalm 27:1 CEV)

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God is our Teacher

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is our Teacher

Definition: One who guides, instructs, and imparts knowledge

Scripture(s): Job 36:22; Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 48:17

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (ESV)

Thanksgiving – (5-8 min) Thanking God for **what He has done**: in our life and our family member's or friend's life

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

Intercession – (10-15 min) Coming to God on behalf of our family members or friends. Pray in groups of 2 or 3.

Scripture: *Lord, grant _____ would be well-instructed, knowing how to sustain the weary with a word. Waken _____ morning by morning, waken his/her ear to listen like one being instructed.* (Isaiah 50:4 NIV)

Specific requests for our loved ones:

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Yielding – Relinquishing control of our situation to God. Pray aloud together for the next two sections.

Lord, I release _____ into Your hands. I ask that he/she no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind so that he/she may discern and walk in Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Furthermore, Lord, I am committed to love, pray for, and bless _____ as You lead me, and to not let my heart be troubled or fearful because You have given me Your peace. (From Romans 12:2, John 14:27, both CSB)

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God is Trustworthy

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Trustworthy

Definition: One who is worthy of confidence; reliable, faithful, and dependable

Scripture(s): 2 Samuel 7:28; Psalm 19:7; Psalm 111:7-8

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Scripture: *Lord, keep _____ from all harm; watch over his/her life; God, watch over _____ 's coming and going both now and forevermore.* (Psalm 121:7-8 NIV)

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God is Truth

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Truth

Definition: One who is real, actual, fact, full of integrity, and honest

Scripture(s): Psalm 119:160; Isaiah 45:19; John 14:6

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Scripture: *Open _____'s eyes so that he/she may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that he/she may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Jesus.* (Acts 26:18 NASB)

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God is Wise

Praise – (8-10 min) Praising God for **who He is**: His name, character, or attributes

Attribute: God is Wise

Definition: One who has wisdom marked by deep understanding, keen discernment, and sound judgement

Scripture(s): Job 12:13; Jeremiah 10:12; Romans 11:33

Confession – (2-3 min) Silently and personally confessing your sins to God, who forgives us all

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Scripture: *Glorious Father, give _____ the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that he/she may know You better. May the eyes of _____'s heart be enlightened to know the hope to which You have called him/her, the riches of Your glorious inheritance.* (Ephesians 1:17-18 NIV)

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