

EVERY MAN

A WARRIOR

Helping Men Succeed in Life

Leader's Guide to
Book 1

WALKING WITH GOD



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Note to Leaders

The first page of each lesson is for you, the leader. It is important to follow the Leader's Guide even if you have led other Bible studies. It has come from two years of field testing and is designed to help your group succeed.

For example, some men find the disciplines of Quiet Times and Scripture memory hard to do and want to skip those parts of the course.

Following the Leader's Guide will insure that these items are not left out and makes the Leader's Guide the course disciplinarian, not you!

Not all groups make it and it is normal to have some men drop from the course. Using the Leader's Guide gives you the greatest potential to have a successful group.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 1

WHY DISCIPLESHIP

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The website has a pdf with some thoughts on how to effectively lead a group. It is titled, “How to Start and Lead a Group.” As the leader, read these pages before your first meeting.

WHY DISCIPLESHIP?

The focus of this first session is to get acquainted and for each man to commit himself to the objective: *“To become the man God wants him to be!”*

- ✓ Hand out the books and let the men examine them.
- ✓ If the men do not know each other, spend the first few minutes getting each other's names, where they work, and family information. Give each man two minutes to share.
- ✓ Pages 12-13: Read the *Prologue* together. Go around the circle and have each man read a paragraph or two.
- ✓ Pages 16–24: Read “*Why Discipleship?*” *Whenever there is a ✓ it means there is a question to discuss.* Stop at each ✓ and ask the questions.
- ✓ Page 24: Read “*Points to Remember*” and the “*Assignment.*”
- ✓ Go around the room and record each man's contact information in the “*Contact Information*” page at the back of the book.
- ✓ Choose a time and place to meet.
- ✓ The leader should end in prayer.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 2

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- ✓ Open the session with prayer. We will start praying as a group in lesson 7.
- ✓ Ask if everybody completed the lesson.
- ✓ Ask if everyone signed the *My Commitment* pledge on page 22. If not, ask them to do so now.
- ✓ Ask someone to start reading the lesson, and go around the circle, each man reading a paragraph or two. *Whenever there is a ✓ it means there is a question to discuss.* Stop at each ✓ and ask the questions.
- ✓ Pages 26-35: Ask each of the questions on these pages. Depending on time, have two to four people give their answer. Try to include everyone.
- ✓ Page 34: Have each person share what he wrote for his Quiet Time on Colossians 3. Make sure they follow the guidelines from *How to Share Your Quiet Time with the Group*.
- ✓ Page 35-36: Read the *Points to Remember* and the *Assignment*.
- ✓ Remind them that next week they will share from their Quiet Times.
- ✓ End in prayer, asking the Lord to help these men develop their skill in having Quiet Times.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 3

WHY MEN FAIL

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It is important to follow the Leader's Guide while leading the lesson. While some items are the same each week, others are specific, one-time instructions that will negatively impact the study if missed. These items are marked with a star. ★

WHY MEN FAIL

- ✓ Open the session with prayer.
- ✓ Ask the group participants how they got along in their Quiet Times.
- ★ ✓ Go back and reread *How to Share Your Quiet Time with the Group* (page 35). We will share Quiet Times each week so it is important to get the skill right.
- ✓ Ask them to turn to their Quiet Time Journal and choose one Quiet Time they would like to share from this week.
- ★ ✓ After sharing Quiet Times, go back and reread the *ABCs of Having a Quiet Time* and *Important Quiet Time Guidelines*, pages 29-31. This is a new lifelong habit, so let's review.
- ✓ Ask someone to start reading the lesson. Go around the circle, with each man reading a paragraph or two. *Whenever there is a ✓ it means there is a question to discuss.* Stop at each ✓ and ask the questions.
- ✓ Pages 40-43: Ask each of the questions on these pages. Depending on time, have two to four people give their answer. Try to include everyone.
- ✓ Page 43: Read John 15:4-8 as a group, then discuss each of the questions. Try to involve each man in sharing.
- ✓ Page 44: Read the *Points to Remember* and the *Assignment*.
- ✓ Pull out your *EMAW Verse Pack* and place Matthew 22:36-38 in the front window.
- ✓ End the time in prayer asking God to help each of the men in their Quiet Times.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 4

A MAN OF THE WORD

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A MAN OF THE WORD

- ✓ Open the session with prayer.
- ★ ✓ Go around the room asking each man to share from one of his Quiet Times. Try to use the *How to Share Your Quiet Time* format described on page 35.
- ★ ✓ Ask the men how they did on memorizing their first verse. Ask who would like to try and recite the verse. You may want to go first to get the ball rolling. Eventually you will ask each man to give it a try and recite the verse.
- ★ ✓ Remind them to say the reference before and after the verse.
 - ✓ Begin reading the lesson paragraph by paragraph. A ✓ in front of it means there is a question to discuss. Stop at each ✓ and ask the questions.
 - ✓ Pages 47-51: Ask each of the questions on these pages. Depending on time, have two to four people give their answer. Try to include everyone.
 - ✓ Pages 49-50: Read *Skills to Help You Memorize Scripture for a Lifetime*. Ask for questions or comments.
 - ✓ Page 50: Have someone read each verse. Depending on time, let as many men as possible share their thoughts on *Being a Man of the Word*.
 - ✓ Page 50: Have each man read his *Why I Want to Be a Man of the Word* paragraph.
- ✓ Page 52: Read the *Points to Remember* and the *Assignment*.
- ✓ Place the next verse 2 Timothy 3:16-17 in the front window of your *EMAW Verse Pack* and begin to memorize it this week.
- ✓ Page 52: Read the *Special Note*.
- ✓ End in prayer.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 5

MEDITATION: THINKING WITH PURPOSE

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- ★ ✓ Break into pairs and recite your verses to each other. Have one man hold the cards and say the reference while the other quotes the verse and also says the reference at the end of the verse.
- ★ ✓ Introduce the men to the *Completion Record* at the back of the book. *If anyone has said the verses word-perfect*, let him have someone else initial and date the first line. Sign off on any of the completion record that applies. Read the *Course Requirements for Completion* at the end of the completion record.
 - Finish all nine lessons.
 - Memorize and quote six Scripture passages.
 - Record twenty Quiet Times or more.
- ★ ✓ Open the session with prayer.
- ★ ✓ Ask the participants how they are doing with memorizing verses. Are they saying the reference *before* and *after*? Are they saying the reference and first phrase together?
- ★ ✓ Reread *Skills to Help You Memorize Scripture* on pages 49-50 .
 - ✓ Go around the room, asking each man to share one Quiet Time. Turn to the Scripture where he is reading.
 - ✓ Page 54: Ask someone to start reading the lesson and go around the circle, each man reading a paragraph or two.
 - ✓ Page 55–59: Ask each of the questions on these pages. Depending on time, have two to four people give their answer. Try to include everyone.
- ✓ Pages 58-59: Read the *Points to Remember* and the *Assignment*.
- ✓ Page 59: Place Joshua 1:8 in the front window of your *EMAW Verse Pack* and begin to memorize it this week.
- ✓ End in prayer. As leader, pray for the men to become *men of the Word*.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 6

YOU DO NOT HAVE BECAUSE YOU DO NOT ASK

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- ★ ✓ Break into pairs and recite all your verses to each other. Have one man hold the cards and say the reference while the other quotes the verse and also says the reference at the end of the verse.
 - ✓ Sign off on any of the *Completion Record* that applies in the back of the book.
- ✓ Open the session with prayer.
- ★ ✓ Check on their progress with memorizing verses. Remind the men that review, review, review is the key. Try to review your verses every day.
- ★ ✓ Remind them to do at least one Quiet Time on the new verse each week doing all of the meditation exercises. Then the verse is half-learned.
 - ✓ Go around the room, asking each man to share one Quiet Time.
 - ✓ Begin reading the lesson paragraph by paragraph.
 - ✓ Pages 64-67: Ask each of the questions on these pages. Depending on time, have two to four people give their answer. Try to include everyone. Look up and read each verse together.
 - ✓ Page 66: Have each person read his summary on prayer.
 - ✓ Page 66-67: Depending on time, have as many as possible share their Ask Questions meditations and their *rewrite* of John 16:24.
- ✓ Page 67: Read the *Points to Remember*.
- ✓ Page 67-68: Read the *Special Note* together. Discuss how you can help each other be successful in building the spiritual habits of Quiet Time and Scripture memory.
- ✓ Page 68: Read the *Assignment*. Place John 16:24 in the front window of your *EMAW Verse Pack* and memorize it this week.
- ✓ End in prayer.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 7

THE REAL PURPOSE OF PRAYER

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- ★ ✓ Break into pairs and recite all your verses to each other. Have one man hold the cards and say the reference while the other quotes the verse and repeats the reference at the end of the verse.
 - ✓ Open the session with prayer.
 - ✓ Ask the men to count up the number of recorded Quiet Times. Does any man have more than ten? Fifteen? Sign off on the *Completion Record* in the back of the book. Cheer those who have done well; encourage those who have struggled.
 - ✓ Go around the room, asking each man to share one Quiet Time.
 - ✓ Begin reading the lesson paragraph by paragraph.
 - ✓ Page 71-78: Ask each of the questions on these pages. Depending on time, have two to four people give their answer. Try to include everyone.
 - ✓ Page 77: Read the *Points to Remember*.
 - ✓ Pages 77-78: Read the *Assignment*. Place Philippians 4:6-7 in the front window of your *EMAW Verse Pack* and memorize it this week.
- ★ ✓ Page 78: Practice the *WAR* method of prayer as a group. Ask the group to turn to page 75. Follow the instructions on page 70.

★ **Leader:** Be sure to read the following instructions to the group for the *WAR* prayer exercise. Have everyone turn to page 75.

- We will each pray three times using the format on page 75. I will start with the *Praise and Thanksgiving* form of prayer. Then we will go around the room and *each of you will pray a similar praise or thanksgiving, using the illustration as a guide.*
- After everyone has prayed, I will start the *Admit* form of prayer, and we will pray around again.
- After everyone has prayed, I will start the *Request* form of prayer, and we will pray around again. Then I will close.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 8

THE SECRET TO A CHANGED LIFE

- ✓ Break into pairs and recite your verses to each other.
- ✓ Sign off on the *Completion Record*.
- ✓ Open the session with prayer.
- ✓ Ask each man to share one Quiet Time.
- ✓ Begin reading the lesson paragraph by paragraph.
- ✓ Pages 82–85: Ask each of the questions on these pages. Depending on time, have two to four people give their answer. Try to include everyone.
- ✓ Page 83: Luke 6:46-49 *Note to leader*: The key teaching of this passage is the difference between those who apply the Word and those who don't.
- ✓ Page 84 *Special note*: What do you think of our new goal for Scripture memory?
- ✓ Page 85: Go through all the memorized verses and share what possible application they could make from these verses.
- ✓ Pages 85- 86: Read the *Points to Remember* and the *Assignment*.
- ✓ Page 86: Place James 1:22 in the front window of your *EMAW Verse Pack* and memorize it this week.
- ✓ Page 86: End in group prayer using the *WAR* method. Follow the pattern outlined on page 75 and the Leader's Guide instructions on page 70.



Leader's Guide to LESSON 9

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- ✓ Break into pairs and recite all your verses to each other. Sign off on the *Completion Record*.
- ✓ Ask the men if they have finished all the requirements for Book 1. Encourage them to fulfill requirements to finish.
- ✓ Open the session with prayer.
- ✓ Ask each man to share one Quiet Time.
- ✓ Begin reading the lesson paragraph by paragraph.
- ✓ Pages 89–91: Discuss the questions concerning being a bulldog and how we grow as Christians. (*Leader: Try to find one thing you can complement each man on in his efforts so far on EVERY MAN A WARRIOR.*)
- ✓ Pages 91–92: Read and discuss *Leaders Lead* and *Successful Study Guidelines for EVERY MAN A WARRIOR*. Ask the men how to make the study better.
- ✓ Pages 93–95 Answer each of the *Proficiency Evaluation* questions. Go around having each man read a question and his answer. Discuss whenever possible.
- ✓ Pages 95-96: Read Hebrews 12:11 together. Have each man share his meditations and rewrite of the verse.
- ✓ Pages 96-97: Read the *Points to Remember* and the *Assignment*.

- ✓ End in group prayer using the *WAR* method. Follow the pattern outlined on page 75 and the Leader's Guide on page 70. During the *Request* section, have the men pray for each other that they would grow into the *Spiritual Bulldogs* God wants them to be.