

INTRODUCTION

Ice breaker: Share with the group something crazy or unique about your family or ancestors (immediate or extended).

Take some time to discuss the previous week's readings and challenges. Be honest about whether you did all, some, or none of the challenges. Challenges are not homework; they are opportunities. Completing them is not mandatory, but optional. You can still attend small group even if you didn't do any, but we challenge you to be honest about how you are doing with the challenges.

DISCUSSION

- ➡ Celebrate a "win" that you had in Being Challenge over the past week.
- ➡ Share a struggle.
- ➡ What did God reveal to you during the readings and challenges this past week?

WATCH BEING CHALLENGE SMALL GROUP VIDEO WEEK 3 - STUDY SCRIPTURE

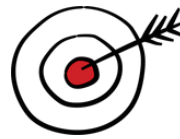
What's your favorite self-discovery tool that you've used, and what did you learn about yourself? See the following for examples of what you could share:

- 1 Enneagram: What number are you, and what does that mean for yourself?
- 2 Strengths Finder: What are your top strengths?
- 3 Love Languages: What's your preferred way to receive love?
- 4 DISC: Which two letters (D, I, S, or C) describe you?
- 5 Myers-Briggs Type Indicator: What 4-letter combination are you?
- 6 What have you discovered about your family, including previous generations, that have helped or hurt you in your pursuit to become a greater follower of Jesus Christ?

Read Luke 2:41-52

In the only documented story we have of Jesus Christ as a grown child, we see Him at the temple learning from the scholars about the Scriptures. At the end of that story, in Luke 2:52, Jesus Christ continued to grow in wisdom.





DISCUSSION (CONT.)

- 1 Are you continuing to grow in wisdom? If so, in what ways are you growing in wisdom and where do you look to grow in wisdom? If not, what habits could you put into your life to intentionally grow in wisdom?
- 2 Describe what your current habits or rhythms look like when it comes to studying Scripture. What is going well? What could be going better?
- 3 Do you have a favorite Bible verse? If so, share with the group why it is your favorite.

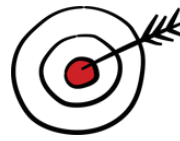
Knowing who you are impacts the way that you live. Another way to say it is, "Your biography comes out of your identity." You not only have an earthly family, but as we study Scripture, we find that we are born into a heavenly family with God as our Father! The following verses describe your identity in God:

- 1 **1 John 3:1a:** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!
- 2 **Romans 8:14:** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
- 3 **Galatians 3:26-27:** So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- 4 **Galatians 4:4-7:** But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.
- 5 **Matthew 7:9-11:** "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

God, our Father, adopts us as His sons and daughters. Through His grace, He makes us an heir. And He gives His children good gifts. As we seek to gain more wisdom in this world, hear these words from a wise man named Solomon who wrote many of the Proverbs contained in the Old Testament: **Proverbs 4:6-7 (MSG)** Above all and before all, do this: Get Wisdom! Write this at the top of your list: Get Understanding!



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DISCUSSION (CONT.)

Rank yourself on a scale of 1-10 (where 1 is “very poor” and 10 is “excellent”) on how you feel you are doing at implementing this practice of studying Scripture in your life. Then, if comfortable, share that number with the group.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Read the Gospel of John in the New Testament and write down three Bible verses that are meaningful to you. Memorize one new Bible verse from the Gospel of John. If you need a Bible, download You Version’s Bible App on your device.

CLOSING THOUGHT + PRAYER

Read James 1:5 together as a group. “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” #BEINGCHALLENGE



Spend time in prayer asking God for wisdom from above. Ask God to reveal who you are.

**For deeper study and daily challenges to go alongside of the weekly small group experience, read Days 13-19 of Being Challenge: A 40-Day Challenge to Be Like Jesus.*

