

## How to Use This Guide

### **THE ART OF NEIGHBORING**

This Study Guide is a tool to help you combine the video and Bible study into a dynamic experience. As the leader, take some time in advance to consider the Bible study questions and come up with personal examples to encourage discussion.

With that in mind, let's preview the guide. The main body of the Study Guide is written as a conversation you would have with your group. When there's a specific question to ask, **it appears in bold type** and the paragraphs that follow after might include thoughts you could add to the discussion.

Each session has particular sections:

#### **Session Goals**

This is the point of each session—the big idea and what we hope participants walk away knowing, feeling, and doing differently as a result of studying the material. All of the teaching, questions, and reflections ultimately point back to these goals.

#### **Open**

This is an icebreaker. Adjust it to the character of your group, but don't skip it, for several reasons. (1) Every group needs some transition time. (2) Everyone gets to know each other. (3) The introductory questions draw out practical connections between the subject matter and their lives.

#### **View**

Before watching the video, take a moment or two to walk through the “things to look for” questions. They'll help concentrate attention on the most important parts of the video teaching. Then, when you watch the video, make sure to set the audio at a comfortable level and everyone can see the screen. You don't want your group to miss anything.

#### **Review**

People can forget what they see unless they review it right away. The discussion questions in this section help your group remember what they just viewed from the teaching and real-life stories. But other questions try to connect the video to their emotions or experience. How did you feel when the teacher said that? Is it true in your life? Do you have the same issue?

You, as the leader, will set the tone. If you offer a comment that's authentic, vulnerable, or a bit challenging, then others will feel that they have permission to do the same—and you will have meaningful discussion and growth.

This is a Bible study, so each session is grounded in Scripture. Within your group, you may find different levels of faith. This is a time to open up the Bible and help them grow in their faith.

### **Last Word**

This is an opportunity for your group to be challenged to do something with what they've learned. This section will direct the group to reflect on how they live out their faith in their daily lives.

### **Deeper Walk**

These are suggestions for individuals to do, read, and reflect on their own during the week for further study. Encourage your group to dive deeper, but don't demand it.