

FREEDOM

Small Group Leader Guide

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THE LIVING WORD

“Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”

JOSHUA 1:6-8 NLT

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Overview

The same power that is in Jesus is in the Word. We have to receive that truth for the Word to work in our lives. If at some point we feel the Word has lost its power, it's not because the Word has changed, it's because we've stopped mixing the Word with faith. If you want to fall in love with Jesus, find Him in the Word, and make the Word a priority in your life. If you want more power, consume more of His Word.

We need the Spirit of God in order for the Word to come alive, and when it does, it will genuinely change our lives. "Rhema" is the Greek word for "word," and it means "revealed word." When the Word becomes revelation to you, no word God speaks will be void of the power for its fulfillment.

Activate the Word of God in your life by making God's Word a priority, believing what you read, and meditating on Scripture. One of the great ways to meditate on the Word of God is to speak God's Word out loud. Find declarations in Scripture that you can speak out loud to strengthen your spirit. Another way to meditate on the Word is to think about it day and night. Bring your world and God's world together and make them one. You can also make meditation practical. Choose a verse and study it throughout the day. The promises of God are fulfilled when we walk in obedience to His Word. Meditation will turn into revelation, revelation will activate your faith, and when your faith is activated, things change!

Discussion Guide

- Are you regularly consuming the Word of God and letting its truth replace your old way of thinking? If not, what do you think is standing in the way of you reading the Word?
- Do you think you read the Bible out of duty or out of desire to know God?
- What are some practical ways you can get more of the Word in your life?
- Can you remember a time when you experienced the rhema Word of God—a time when God's Word came alive in a situation in your life?

Application

Here is an idea to help your group members apply the Word to their lives: write Scripture on index cards and have participants select one that speaks to them or have them read a verse from the Appendix that applies to them or their situation.

Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to create a hunger in your participants' hearts for God's Word, and pray that God's Word would bring revelation to each participant.