



## WEEK 2 - LEADER GUIDE

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These leader notes are intended to help you understand each section and give you some background information that will be helpful during the discussion. As a leader, we recommend that you have a Study Bible, which contains notes about verses that might be confusing. Please understand that as a leader, you aren't expected to have all the answers. When you aren't sure about something, just say, "That is a great question, let's look into that this week and see if we can all find an answer to that." Your Life Group will appreciate your sincerity.

*Special Note: The LG Weekly is intended to provide an outline for your group to walk through. However, as a leader, look for opportunities to add related scriptures, questions, communion, and/or worship to your meeting time.*

*It is important to note that this LG Weekly study can bring up some difficult topics and memories. Remember, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For many of us who have experienced the pain of broken relationships or marriages, remember that you are forgiven, loved and belong. All of us have fallen short, so you are among a group that is all broken. The important thing is to decide what you think God wants you to do next for you are already loved and accepted by God.*

If you are not an official leader at Red Rocks Church, you can sign up for our next leader orientation on our website: [www.redrockchurch.com/groups](http://www.redrockchurch.com/groups). We will equip you with training, resources, and a community of leaders to learn from.

It's important to remember: be yourself, be honest, laugh with each other, and leave the results up to God!

(\*Be sure to print enough copies of the LG Weekly for your group)

### START

Use these questions to get conversation started in your group. The intent of this question will always be to promote lighthearted, fun, accessible discussion within your group. People can answer either question, or both if they'd like. If people can't think of an answer, that's okay, move on to the next person.

## SHARE

Use these questions to promote application of the message to everyday life and faith. These questions will often require a level of reflection on scripture, personal experience, and how the two intersect. When discussing these questions, help people to honestly consider what Jesus is asking them to do with what they have learned. A good question to help promote discussion of these questions is, “how does this scripture or biblical idea apply to one specific area of your life?” Always encourage everyone to bring a Bible to the Life Group, but have some extras on hand in case they don’t have one.

To understand the situation we are reading about, and to truly see the heart of God in this story, we need to understand the culture of that time. Use this section and the questions to try and get your group to a place where they can really see why the Pharisee would be so judgmental.

Also, some may wonder why the woman was allowed to “crash the party”. The following link provides some commentary to explain her presence at the dinner.  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/ivp-nt/Exemplary-Sinner>

## GROW

Use this section to inspire your group toward organizing their lives around activities that help them connect with God in an intentional way. This time with God will become the catalyst to sustained growth.

We all have times when we get judgmental. We also all have times when we realize that we are in desperate need of a Savior. The point of this story is to show that we can run to Jesus and He will accept us, love us, and accept our offerings of love to Him.

## MOVE

Use this section to take a practical next step that you can take from the principles of this teaching series and put into action this week. This will typically be a personal reflection question or group challenge. Be sure to bring it up in your next meeting to see if anyone has a great story of how God worked in his or her life that week.

Encourage your group to be proactive in showing love to God this week.

## PRAY

Use this time to allow each person to share if they have a need for prayer. Be sure to let everyone know that they don’t have to say anything if they aren’t comfortable. As a leader, write down the needs as you go around and as you pray for the group.

## TO GO.

This section will simply be a place where we focus on a promise for the week.

\*If there are recommended resources that might help group members with topics discussed in the study, these will be listed at the end of the study.