

# Welcome Your World LifeGroup

Take New Steps of Faith on Our Adventure With God

## Session #1

An Invitation to a Journey  
of Faith Together.

**Key Point:** God is inviting each of us to a journey of faith that we must take together. As with any journey with God, it's not just about the destination, it's about what God does in us along the way.

**Key Scripture:** It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

### NOTES

**This Week:** Take 15 minutes this week and take a pen to paper and prayerfully, in a posture of worship, look at your 2024 giving to Victory Church. Does it demonstrate obedience? Does it demonstrate God's priorities in your heart? If you are married, sit down together and discuss this. Ask God to work in you.

**Memory Verse:** It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as an inheritance. Hebrews 11:8

**Prayer:** Ask everyone to write his or her name and a brief prayer need on a piece of paper and pass it to the right. Ask each person to pray for the person and request this week.

**Next week:** Would you like to move from pride to gratitude? Would you like to learn to see everything in your life as a gift from God?

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## Session #2

From Pride to Gratitude:  
So That We See Everything  
as a Gift From God

**Key Point:** How are my finances shaping my heart? When I repent of my financially independent attitudes, I can enjoy the true riches of a deep relationship with God.

**Key Scripture:** Seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33

### NOTES

### Personal Application

1. Gratitude to God is a practice that can free our hearts of pride. Living with gratitude to God for what we have can enable us to have and enjoy earthly things with them "having us."

Take time now to write down 5 things you have that you may not have realized come to you from God and thank him for each one:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### This Week:

To cultivate an attitude of gratitude, take 5 minutes daily in the morning or when you go to bed to thank God for 5 material things or finances he provided for you in the day.

- Hearing the truth of God's word calls us to change. This is where real spiritual growth takes place in our lives. Take 15 minutes this week to:
- Spend time with God and repent of any sin of loving and serving money instead of God and humbly ask God's forgiveness.
- Invite God to be the Lord and wonderful master over every area of your life, especially your finances.

**Memory Verse:** "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously and he will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33

### Next week:

How much money is enough?

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## Session #3

From Coveting to  
Contentment So That We  
Live and Spend Wisely

**Key Point:** We are people who want what we don't have. By God's grace, we can follow Jesus out of the trap of always wanting more to be content in our present circumstances.

**Key Scripture:** True godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 1 Timothy 6:6 NLT

### NOTES

#### **Personal Application:**

Honestly and prayerfully ask yourself, in what areas of my life, do I believe "if I had more, I'd be happy?" Write down one area of your life where you think you believe this.

#### **This Week:**

1. Take action by creating margin by beginning work on a budget.
2. Think about what is enough when it comes to income.
3. Welcome Your World is all about reaching our neighbors with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. In a posture of worship, begin praying daily about what God would have you give financially to Welcome Your World.

#### **Memory Verse:**

"Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give." Proverbs 21:26

#### **Next week:**

God's remedy for anxiety over our needs.

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## Session #4

From Anxiety to Trust

**Key Point:** We can move from anxiety to trust as we learn that God delights in providing for us, meeting both our spiritual and material needs.

**Key Scripture:** So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Luke 12: 32-34 NLT

### NOTES

#### Personal Application:

Let's go back to the question, "how are my finances shaping my heart?" Write down one area of financial concern or fear and prayerfully give it over to God, expressing your trust in his loving provision.

#### This Week:

Take 5 minutes a day to meditate on Luke 12:32-34 (below). In prayer, cast your cares on the Lord.

#### Memory Verse:

"So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Luke 12: 32-34

#### Next Week:

We will find out how each of us holds the answer to the deepest needs of our neighbors.

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## Session #5

From Indifference to Love  
So That We Give  
Extravagantly

**Key Point:** We can move from indifference to love by giving to the things God cares about.

**Key Scripture:** If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with things of your own? No one can serve two masters, for you will hate the one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Jesus in Luke 16:11 and 12 NLT

### NOTES

#### Personal Application:

1. Think of a neighbor, a co-worker, a classmate, or friend who is without hope. How deeply do you think God cares about his or her salvation? Pray by name now for that person.
2. "We assume," states the authors of True Riches, " that we should give to things that we care about deeply. Rather, we should give to things because God cares about them deeply. Giving often begins as an obedient act of faith before it blossoms into joyful love over time." How does this statement affect your thoughts about giving to Welcome Your World?

#### This Week:

Prayerfully ask yourself if you are ready to be all in for God's work through Victory Church? Are you willing to allow God to reshape your heart and move you from indifference to love through your obedient and faith-filled giving to Welcome Your World?

Pray every day this week for Victory Church's mission in the greater Philadelphia area. Ask him to use you!

#### Memory Verse:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:18 and 19

#### Next Week:

You Can Play a Very Important Part in Building for a Great Spiritual Awakening in the Philadelphia Region

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## Session #6

**Building For A Great  
Awakening**

**Key Point: An invitation to be a part of Welcome Your World is your invitation to spiritual growth and partnership with God and his church in something that is much bigger than ourselves.**

**Key Scripture: Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 NIV**

### NOTES

#### **Personal Application:**

Ask yourself, am I ready to do what I can do, so God will do what only he can do?

#### **Next:**

On Sunday, April 6, you will be asked to prayerfully consider making a 24-month pledge over and above your current level of giving to Welcome Your World. The Welcome Your World initiative is not about obligation or pressure, it's about joy and partnership. ... When we give to God's work we're giving of ourselves. We're investing in His kingdom. We are saying, "God, I trust you with my finances. I believe in your vision for this church. I want to be a part of what you're doing."