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remain faithful, prepare for Heaven

simplifying life
re-prioritizing life
cultivating a deeper walk with God

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Relational Bible Studies

The WORD Among Us

The **Simply Series** is a different kind of Bible study. It is not doctrine or life application. It is relational, which means there are no right or wrong answers to the questions in this facilitator's guide.

Relational Bible studies focus on building relationships with God and each other. They create a space for the WORD among us to wash over us, plant seeds in our lives, and change us by the transforming grace of the Holy Spirit.

Relational Bible studies give everyone, no matter what their perspective or depth of Bible knowledge, space to share and contribute to the dialogue as we journey together. They help us discover how our personal story intersects with the Bible story.

These guides are designed to facilitate real and authentic dialogue in such a way that secular and unchurched Truth seekers come away saying, "This is different! This is real."

People need the Everlasting Gospel. Simple Church is about creating a space for Truth seekers to journey together.

May God bless you as you simplify and re-prioritize your life, creating time to "spend" with Truth seekers from all walks of life.

How to Use This Leader's Guide

This leader's guide assumes you have:

1. Read through the www.SimpleChurchAtHome.com web page.
2. Completed the online Simple Church training.

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Bible story reference will be listed here.

Message of Hope: Have this idea crystal clear in your mind. This is what you want people to remember for the rest of the week.

Helpful Tip: These tips show up here and there.

The Basic 8: These are covered in the [free online training](#).

1. Collection Box (explained in PhaseONE training videos)
2. Connection Card Envelopes
3. Business Cards
4. Taco Salad Sign-up Sheet
5. A variety of extra Bible translations.
6. Child Safety Poster
7. Blessing Board
8. Email link to online Simple Church Weekly Summary Form (When officially launched this is emailed to your Details Coordinator every Sunday.)

Welcome: We are glad everyone is here. We focus on three things: connecting with God, connecting with each other, and serving our world. In other words, this group does not exist for us.

Before we introduce ourselves, let's remember:

- This is a safe place to grow spiritually.
- We are a wide diversity of Truth seekers. We are glad all of you are here.
- You will notice we do not use a bunch of fancy religious language.
- We do not try to impress people with how much Bible quoting we can do. We are common people.
- Please be sensitive so everyone has an opportunity to share and contribute.
- Cell phones should be put on "vibrate," or turned off.

Check-In:

1. What is your first name?
2. What is a high-light or a low-light (a headline) from your week?
3. [*Insert rotation question for the week.*]

Rotation Questions: Rotate through the following three questions:

Week 1: How would you like to simplify your life?

Week 2: How would you like to re-prioritize your life?

Week 3: How would you like to cultivate a deeper relationship with God.

Week 4: How would you like to simplify your life?

Week 5: etc.

At the end of check-in ask the person who facilitated to choose another adult to facilitate check-in next week. Anyone can facilitate check-in. It does not have to be a CORE leader.

Children's Check-In Questions: How did you help Mommy or Daddy this week? (Or they can answer the adult questions.)

The Quiz: A child asks three questions. They randomly choose from the check-in questions people just answered. Ask everyone to raise their hands and the child picks someone to answer the questions.

For example:

1. What was his (pointing to the person) high-light for the week?
2. What was her name (pointing to the person)?
3. How did she want to simplify her life?

At the end of the quiz ask the child who facilitated to choose another child to facilitate the quiz next week.

This is what page 2 of a typical leader's guide for a given week actually looks like.

Facilitator's Directions:

1. *Talk as little as possible, encourage others to share, and avoid a monologue.*
2. Cut on the dotted lines. Distribute questions around the circle. (✂ -----)
3. Keep this top part and the bottom part (question D) of this page.
4. Reassure people they do not have to answer the questions, just read it for us.
5. At the end, choose someone to facilitate the questions for next week.

Kick-off Question (60 second answers, facilitator goes first):

Bridge: This transitions the group from the Kick-off Question into the Bible story.

Read the Bible Story from two different translations: Bible story reference will be listed here.
(Encourage people to stick to this story instead of jumping all over the Bible during our discussion.)

Digging Questions (50% of your study time):

Some helpful pointers for digging questions:

- Remember: there are no "right answers" to relational Bible study questions. Help people contribute their perspective to the dialogue.

- You DO NOT have to "accomplish" all the questions listed. Use them as a resource from which to select during your discussion.
- Spend a maximum of 50% of your Bible study time on these questions.
- Affirm each answer, no matter what is said, by saying something like, "Excellent, someone else"; "Thanks for sharing, someone else"; "Good, someone else"; "How about the rest of you, what do you think".
- Did you catch the common denominator, "someone else"? You are always affirming and always inviting others to give input.
- If someone gets off-focus, simply say (after they have stopped talking), "What was the question? Let's read it again."

Sharing Questions (50% of your study time):

Some helpful pointers:

- Spend a minimum of 50% of your time on these questions.
- These questions are designed to invite people to share portions of their life story as it interacts with the Bible study.
- At appropriate times affirm confidentiality and offer reassurance that this is a safe place to share and grow spiritually.

Group Prayer:

1. We are blessed by being a part of this group, yet it exists for those who are not yet here.
2. Put an [Empty Chair](#) in the middle of your prayer circle. Pray for the people who are not yet here.
3. Close by saying the [Blessing Board](#) blessing together.

At the end of prayer, ask the person who facilitated to choose another adult to facilitate the questions for next week. Anyone can facilitate the questions. It does not have to be a CORE leader.

Lunch:

1. Keep it simple. Keep it easily reproducible.
2. Hostess (one of the CORE4) provides the beans.
3. During lunch have the [Taco Salad Sign-up Sheet](#) available.

A Hot Topic

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Jude 1:1-16

Message of Hope: We do not have to be part of the people described in this story.

The Basic 8 Simple Church Tools: Collection Box, Connection Card Envelopes, Business Cards, Taco Salad Sign-up Sheet, A variety of extra Bible translations, Child Safety Poster, Blessing Board, Summary Form (which is emailed to the Details Coordinator every Sunday).

Breakfast

Welcome: We are so glad that you are here today.

Setting the Context:

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Kick-off Question (60 second answers, facilitator goes first): When you hear the word *fire* what comes to your mind?

Bridge: Today's story is a bit of a hot topic. As we read this story, remember that all of us are all in the same sin-infected boat. The new question is what direction are we headed—toward Jesus or toward our sins? The good news is that Jesus wants to help us leave our sins and live a life that is preparing for Heaven. Today's story is called “A Hot Topic” and for those who are interested, later today we are going to show a documentary called *Hell & Mr. Fudge* (<https://vimeo.com/249082586/c0d32b0022>). This documentary gives hope and clarity on this hot topic. So, let's begin by reading our story which is found in Jude 1:1-16.

Read the Bible Story from two different translations: Jude 1:1-16

(Encourage people to stick to this story instead of jumping all over the Bible.)

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Digging Questions (50% of your study time):

- 1) Let's read verse 1 in our different translations. Some Bibles use the word *sanctified*. What do you think Jude means when he uses this word?
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- 2) In verse 4, what do you think Jude means when he uses the word *immorality*?
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- 3) Let's read verse 7 in our different versions of the Bible. If we cannot go see Sodom and Gomorrah still burning today, how do you think that fire is an “eternal fire”?
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- 4) Depending upon the translation, verse 5, 8, 12, 14, and 16 talk about “these people.” How would you summarize Jude's description of “these people”?
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Sharing Questions (50% of your study time):

- A) If Jude was to write us a warning letter, what do you think he would talk about?
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- B) On a personal note, where do you see God inviting you to take steps toward Him as you prepare for Heaven?
✂ -----
- C) What is an invitation, a promise, a command, or a warning that you needed to hear today?
✂ -----
- D) Remember: **We do not have to be part of the people described in this story.** How can this group pray for you this week?

Group Prayer & Lunch: Taco Salad sign-up list.

Remain Faithful

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Jude 1:17-25

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Kick-off Question (60 second answers, facilitator goes first): What do you think are important qualities for a person to have?

Bridge: Today's story is a heart call to remain faithful no matter what happens in your life. But as we will soon see, we cannot do this in isolation or by being emotionally distant. Building character qualities requires commitment and involvement with others. Our story is called *Remaining Faithful*.

Read the Bible Story from two different translations: Jude 1:17-25
(Encourage people to stick to this story instead of jumping all over the Bible.)

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Digging Questions (50% of your study time):

- 1) In verses 17-23, Jude contrasts two groups of people. What do you think are the primary characteristics that summarize these two groups of people?
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- 2) Verse 18 talks about this happening in the “last days,” “last times,” or “end of times.” Why do you think these are end-of-time characteristics instead of applying them to all times?
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- 3) In verses 20-23, Jude describes what we should be doing. Let's summarize this. Why do you think Jude highlights these items?
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- 4) What qualities do you think we are doing well with, and what qualities you think we need to strengthen in this group?
✂ -----

Sharing Questions (50% of your study time):

- A) On a personal note, what qualities do you see as your strength, and what qualities would you like to strengthen?
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- B) If you were to choose one part of verse 24 that means a lot to you, which part would you highlight?
✂ -----
- C) What is an invitation, a promise, a command, or a warning that you needed to hear today?
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- D) Remember: **God wants to prepare you for Heaven.** How can this group pray for you this week?

Group Prayer:

- Put **Empty Chairs** in the middle of your circle. Pray for people who will be invited.
- Close by saying the **Blessing Board** blessing together.

Lunch: Taco Salad sign-up list.