

FAITHFUL  
**ABUNDANT**  
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SESSION 1

# VIEWERGUIDE

1. Jesus keeps everything in this world in place by the power of His Word.

2. *Ichabod* means “The glory has departed.”

3. The eternal Word of God is worth living for and dying for.

4. Are you prepared for the persecution?

5. The people of God were not maturing as Christians and were actually regressing.

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the characteristics, qualities, and authority that we attribute to God and to Jesus Christ as well?
2. What most helps you keep on track maturing in your faith?



SESSION 2

# VIEWERGUIDE

1. The people of God were doing all sorts of good deeds.

2. Faith is taking God at His Word.

3. Resting in faith means we rest in the Word of God.

4. Are you gaining approval with God?

5. We can run to Jesus, our High Priest, to find grace in our time of need.

6. God's Word says difficult times are coming.

7. We must know His Word and then take His Word and live in the rest of faith.

8. The rest of faith is uniting the Word of God with faith  
for a particular situation.

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." Share an example of heeding the advice of this verse and one of when you wish you had.
2. Discuss with your group about a time when you took a stand for Christ. How did God use that decision to help you mature in your faith?



### SESSION 3

# VIEWERGUIDE

Our God is able!

God is able to surprise you.

One of the most fantastic attributes of God is simply that He can.

The Book of Ephesians is considered by commentators to be the pinnacle of Paul's writings.

Ephesians 3:20-21

If you don't believe God is able, it will alter the way you pray.

## SEVEN PRINCIPLES IN EPHESIANS 3:20-21

1. Time

Now is the time to start considering the ability of God.

The two verses in Ephesians 3:20-21 are called a doxology.

A doxology is an outpouring of praise, worship, and honor to God.

John 10:10

The abundant life is when, in the midst of your impossible situation, you say, "Now is the time!"

2. Turning

Hebrews 12:2

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Priscilla said God does not want us placing our hope or identity in anything other than our personal relationship with Him. How do you place your hope and identity in God?
2. Abundance really means pouring out honor, praise, and worship in spite of difficult circumstances. Can you share about a recent season of abundance in your life with your group members?





SESSION 4

# VIEWERGUIDE

## SEVEN PRINCIPLES IN EPHESIANS 3:20-21

1. Time

2. Turning

3. Truth

John 2:11

Micah 7:7

You either trust God or you don't.

Jeremiah 29:11

4. Transcendence

Paul uses the word *hyper* twice in Ephesians 3:20.

We serve a God who does way past your way past.

5.   Totality  

Every single thing that concerns you   concerns     God  .

Matthew 10:30

Romans 8:32

We have a God who   cares   about   everything  .

6.   Turbo   power

7. Our   tribute   to Him

Our God is   predictable   in His character, but He is

  unpredictable   in His activity.

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. God is predictable in His character, but He is unpredictable in His activity. In what ways has God been predictable in your life?
2. In what ways has God's unpredictable activity surprised you?



SESSION 5

# VIEWERGUIDE

The people of God have the power within us, not just to do or to act, but to know.

John 14:15-26

The very nature of *agape* love in the Greek New Testament is a love that is demonstrative.

John 14:21-23

John 14:24-27

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

“We have the mind of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 2:16

God fashioned us for significance.

2 Timothy 3:1

2 Timothy 3:12-13

Do not be deceived. (See 1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 6:7; Jas. 1:16.)

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Sometimes we need to know something that we don't. What steps do you take to discern what God wants you to do?
2. In your own words, what is *agape* love? How does God show you *agape* love? How do you demonstrate yours for Him?

SESSION 6

# VIEWERGUIDE

## TWO DIMENSIONS OF SPIRITUAL REVELATION WE DESPERATELY NEED:

### 1. Divine revelation in our human encounters

Can I trust what I'm sensing?

1. Am I a critical or suspicious person by nature?
2. Am I jealous or do I feel threatened?
3. Do I have anything selfish to gain from this outcome?
4. Are my emotions clouding my discernment?

You cannot walk in the Spirit and not have a heavy-duty relationship with Christ.

The Spirit fills us to the extent that we yield to His authority.

We will never live a day in the Spirit accidentally.

Based on these four questions, we needed four no's to make a yes:

1. Am I a critical or suspicious person by nature?
2. Am I jealous or do I feel threatened?
3. Do I have anything selfish to gain from this outcome?
4. Are my emotions clouding my discernment?

The yes is the Holy Spirit is telling me something.

Listen for one of four instructions from God:

1. Run
2. Take a step back.
3. Ask questions. Confront in person if the Spirit leads you in this direction.
4. Stay put, but love with your eyes wide open.

Obadiah 1:3  
Psalm 116:11

## 2. Divine revelation in our Christ encounters

John 14:21

Christ wants to give us enlightened hearts that can see Him and sense Him at work.

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How should the fact that God is always in control affect how we relate to others?
2. When we've been burned enough, we could be tempted to love less and less. What can we do to learn how to love with knowledge and insight?