



LEADER GUIDE

PRECHARGE SMALL GROUP STUDY

Week 2

April 15

Title: Seeking God/ Finding the "power outlet"

Video: Pastor Angie

Group check in (10 minutes) Use prayers from the previous week. Check in with the group and ask how they did with giving God their worries/anxieties.

Opening prayer. O Lord, our God, pour out your Holy Spirit once again, that the world may know the gifts and blessing of your power. Take away our confusion and grant us clarity of vision. Open our senses to the mystery and wonder of faith. Open our minds to the signs of hope you seek to share with us. We are indeed your church, called together in one place for praise and thanksgiving. Let your Holy Spirit fill this space and sanctify our lives. Amen. (Abingdon Worship Annual 2014, adapted.)

Centering (5 minutes)

1. Read 2 Peter 1:3-11.
2. Reflect on the scripture. What did you hear?
3. Reflect on the sermon from this week. What challenged you? What encouraged you?

Video 1 (3 minutes)

Group Discussion (10 minutes)

1. What different sources of power do you see present in our lives?
2. Where do you instinctively find yourself turning FIRST when you need charged up? For example, do you turn to food, friends, prayer, Bible, exercise, sleep, TV, books or something else?
3. How can we know which power sources are "true"? What does a power source that is "fleeting" look like?
4. Read Colossians 3:1-17
5. Reflect on the scripture. What did you hear?

Video 2 (2 minutes)

Group Discussion (10 Minutes)

1. Name a time when you felt separated from God? What made you realize that you needed God in your life?
 2. Read verses 12-17 again. How do these verses challenge you?
 3. How does belonging to a small group help you to live out these challenges and be a part of the body of Christ?
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Application Group Discussion

1. Read 2 Peter 1:3-11
2. Looking at your previous week, what options did you have to plug into for power? What changes would you make?
3. What new elements of “faith in God’s grace and promises, and then ‘moral excellence’” will you focus on this week to kick start your progressive charge?

Prayer Time (10 minutes)

Introduce prayer as a community practice. Use whatever method you prefer, or use the example below. Invite the group to go around the table and each person offer up a prayer for the week.

Say to group. As a community of faith, we have the privilege to hold each other in our prayers. Each week, our group will close our time together by lifting up any joys and concerns.

Please take note of the prayers requests so that you may revisit them throughout the week in the group check in time.

Closing prayer. Loving God, we know that you know us intimately. You counted the hairs on our head even before we were born. You love us through all things even when we have not shown your love to others. God, sometimes we find energy and power in the wrong places. Help us to turn back to you, knowing that you provide all that we need. We thank you for the gift of community, as lived out in this small group. We ask, O God, that you hold this group, and the joys and concerns of our heart in your precious care. Be with us until we meet again. In your son’s name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Notes:
