



LEADER GUIDE

Journey with White Oak

Session 1: Discovering Your Identity in Jesus

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- Welcome everyone with a **SMILE**, introduce yourself and have them complete a nametag and have them sign in on the attendance sheet.
- Have everyone get seated and introducing yourself. Share this is a four-week study that will last 75 minutes. Each session will be a video from Nathan (approx. 20-22 minutes) and there will be questions at the end for everyone to listen to and then discuss. After each question, pause the video and discuss them together then play again and proceed to the next question. You can follow along with the discussion guides.
- **IMPORTANT:** Start and end the sessions on time to respect the timeframes.

LEADER QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE SHOWING THE VIDEO.

Question 1 What is your name and what brought you to White Oak Christian Church?

Question 2 What do you hope to get out of Journey with White Oak?

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Request that everyone: In order to introduce themselves to everyone, share one new piece of information about themselves that is relatively unknown except to a few. (It could be one thing you are especially thankful for) You as the leader go first in sharing. Affirm everyone as they share.

Pray

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1. As we wrap this up, what did you think or feel about what you just saw and heard?
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3. **EXPLAIN** the Made for More tool and encourage everyone to do the assessment. If they print it out, they can bring it with them to Session Four for further discussion and clarification.

Pray

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Ephesians 2:8-10 - "8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." - NLT

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Question 1

What was the most significant trip you can remember ever taking? (Family vacation, business, mission...). You as the leader go first in sharing.

Pray

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Remind

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Question 1 Request that everyone share one new piece of information about themselves.

Question 2 What you are especially looking forward to in the next few days or weeks and why? *As the leader go first in sharing & affirm everyone as they share.*

Pray Pray over your time together. Pray that everyone will learn whatever it is that God wants them to know and do.

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Processing At the conclusion of the video explain the significance of taking next steps on our spiritual journey. If needed, break up the group into smaller groups according to how many leaders are in this session. The team will guide the capturing of the commitments. **NEXT STEPS**

The goal is that each leader will be paired with a few attendees to work through the next step sheet together. Work as quickly and thoroughly as possible. If they brought a Made for More Assessment, then process it along with question #2.

REMAIN AWARE OF THE TIME!

LEADER QUESTIONS TO CONCLUDE THE STUDY

Questions

1. As we wrap this up, what do you think or feel about what you have experienced in these sessions?
2. Is anyone willing to share what you think God may want you to do next in your life?

Pray Pray for God to **BLESS THEM** and to help each person understand how they have been deployed for Mission. If possible, pray for them by name.

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Question 1

Make a list of the top 10 things that you "are." Think of it as a biography description on social media telling people about you. (Husband, wife, friend, student, CEO, hunter, etc.). Once you've made the list, read them out loud to the group.

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

Other description? _____

Question 2

In what place, thing, or title are you tempted to place your identity? If it's on the list you made, circle it. If not, add that thing to your list and circle it. Why do you think that is?

Question 3

Why do you think we often feel that we need to earn God's love and favor?

Question 4

What does it mean to you to be a son or daughter of God? Why? Because you are in the family of God, what does it mean to you to be a brother of Jesus?

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SESSION 2: *BEING EQUIPPED TO LOVE*

Question
1 Can you name some characteristics of Jesus? What do you know? What have you heard about Him?

Question
2 Write down a list of talents, interests, and strengths which you have. Put a star next to the one which you believe you are especially equipped in. Share why you chose that.

Question
3 Have you ever considered that God may have a plan for your life, and you could join Him in fulfilling that plan? Or, that He has gifts He put in you to use to love others meaningfully? Some of them might be obvious to you but others may be hidden and are yet to be discovered. Are you willing to explore and see?

Question
4 How equipped for love do you feel now that you understand the work of the Holy Spirit in you?

What can this mean for you in the future?

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MADE FOR MORE

We believe that taking the Made For More - an assessment tool that will help you discover your Gifts, Passions, and Story. It is a tool to help you continue to discover your identity is Jesus. Uncovering, recognizing, and cultivating your gifts, passions and story is an ongoing process. It's like climbing your own Everest. You spiral around the mountain making your way to the top and you continually uncover new things and gain new perspective and it takes time.

An assessment like this could reveal, confirm or even question some of what you know about yourself. We want to walk alongside of you to help you.

MADE FOR MORE - GIFTS, PASSIONS & STORY ASSESSMENT TOOL

Go to www.thewocc.com/made-for-more.

Start the assessment and please allow 20-30 minutes for this. You can save it and come back to complete it if you need additional time. Your summary will be available for you at the end. Save and print them! This will be a helpful reference in the future.

Feel free to schedule a time to share them with your host to help you process the results.

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SESSION 3: *DEPLOYED FOR MISSION*

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Question If you could do anything for God, what would you do?

1

Question Are you open to being deployed for mission now that you understand your new identity and equipping by the Holy Spirit?

2

Are there any hindrances that are standing in the way of your deployment to a new mission?

Question Is there someone in your life that you would be willing to share this new information with who would also benefit from a new relationship with God?

3

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SESSION 4: NEXT STEPS

We're excited for you and what God is up to in your life and want to help you with your next steps.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO NEXT?

Check any options that you want to pursue and share with your leader so they can help you on your journey!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

1-DISCOVERING YOUR IDENTITY IN JESUS

- I don't know if I have left my old past behind yet. I would like to talk with a campus pastor and learn about Baptism and what it really means. They would love to opportunity to speak with you.
- I would like to read the Bible. Need a Bible? Let us know and we'll get you one. Prefer to read on your device? Download the YouVersion Bible App in the app store and select a study to read.
- I would like to receive information about support groups and counselors.

2-BEING EQUIPPED TO LOVE

- I would like to join a Life Group. Some options are to: Continue this group forward as a new Life Group or sign up to join an existing group. Go to thewocc.com/groups & email the leader.
- I'd like to take the Made for More Assessment and review the summary with your leader or with a ministry leader. Go to thewocc.com/made-for-more.

3-DEPLOYED FOR MISSION

- I want to join a serving team at church and be part of a team!
- I'd like to learn more about participating in local impact opportunities.
- I want to learn about upcoming mission opportunities. Check with the pastor.

YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS THESE OPTIONS AT THEWOCC.COM.

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SESSION 4: *NEXT STEPS RESOURCES*

THEWOCC.COM

Always start with the website for a beginning point. So many of these resources are available in the website already. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the website and WOCC app.

1-DISCOVERING YOUR IDENTITY IN JESUS

BAPTISM: To schedule a time to meet with the pastors, regarding next steps and baptism, the best way is for them to email the pastors directly. Colerain: Kevin Smith-ksmith@thewocc.com, Ross: Chris Emmons-cemmons@thewocc.com

READING THE BIBLE: Bibles are always available at the HUB for free. Online Bible resources are available as apps in the Apple or Google Store. YouVersion Holy Bible - <https://www.bible.com/app>

MEDIA RESOURCES:

RightNow Media (free videos & Bible studies for WOCC) <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/thewocc>.

RECOVERY PROGRAM: Program designed to help through various stages in healing.

Celebrate Recovery[®]
A CHRIST-CENTERED 12 Step program <https://www.celebraterecovery.com/crgroups>

COUSELING PROVIDERS: Counseling providers WOCC recommends.

Counseling Alliance - www.counselingalliance.com

ThrivePointe Counseling - www.thrivepointe.com

2- BEING EQUIPPED TO LOVE

LIFE GROUPS: Join a Life Group by registering at www.thewocc.com/groups

MADE FOR MORE: Spiritual guide assessment to help you think about your unique gifts.

www.thewocc.com/made-for-more. Print out summary to discuss with a ministry leader or pastor.

3- DEPLOYED FOR MISSION

SERVE at WOCC: Serving with a team. Register @ <https://form.jotform.com/200135778788972>

SERVE in the community: For serving in the community, always check the website for various options or contact the campus pastor.

SERVE with a mission: Opportunities are limited. Check with the campus pastor.

If you have questions you can email the campus pastor.

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