

WBS Leaders II ONLINE Group Guide II 2020

Ladies, thank you so much for leading a WBS group online in this season. We are excited for so many of our existing groups to continue and serve as a place for women to connect with each other and with God in this season. We're also excited for new women looking for connection to join the groups.

Here are some tips, helpful info and discussion questions to help guide your WBS Online Groups.

Dates

Our 6-week session will start the week of April 14/15 and go until the week of May 19/20. Week #1 is designed to give time for introductions, check-ins and the opportunity to work out any technical problems that may arise. Weeks #2-5 will follow the Exodus Curriculum in your study guides, and Week #6 will be a debrief time to close out our series in Exodus and transition to Summer Book Clubs.

WBS Talks & Study Guides

WBS Talks and Printable Study Guides will be made available to stream/print online at WBSLA.org. For those that attended the Winter session, you will already have the study guides. Talks will be posted weekly on the Thursday before your groups gather the following week. All participants should watch the weekly teaching on their own before meeting with the group to discuss.

Leader Guides

Your Study Guide from the Winter session includes discussion questions, as usual, at the end of each week. However, since we've added two more weeks to the session and due to the unique season we're in, we have created some updated Leader Guides that you can each week (see following pages).

Online Group Tips

Regardless of which online platform you use (Skype, Zoom, Facebook, etc.), we recommend that you take a few moments to give women some tips and best practices for participating in an online group. For instance, some platforms like Zoom have a "mute" and "chat" function, so it's helpful to share the following:

- Mute: It's helpful if everyone stays on mute for the group unless you are sharing. That way, we don't hear background noise.
- Chat: There's an option to private message someone or do a group message to everyone. Feel free to use this function, but encourage your group to limit how much they use it as it can be really distracting.

Week #1: Leader Guide

Introduction / Exodus Overview

Welcome

- Share the plan for today's meeting
- Share the plan going forward (ie how long you'll meet, remind women to watch the WBS teaching that will be available starting Thursday, remind them to find the Study Guide online and do that throughout the week).
- Share tips/best practices for the online platform you're using

God's Word

- Start by reading a passage from God's Word that has been encouraging to you in this season. You can consider using Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:4-7, Psalm 112:6-8.
- Ask the women to share any Scriptures that they've been encouraged by recently.

Pray

Discussion Questions

Give each person 3-4 minutes to share on the following questions:

- What does life look like for you right now?
- What's most challenging right now?
- What is bringing you joy or hope right now?

Praying for Each Other

Depending on time and size of your group, you can close the group in prayer. If you're a smaller group, you can have women take turns praying for each other. You can also assign partners (so Jennifer and Ressie pray for each other, Sarah and Joy pray for each other, etc.) and you can invite the women to pray aloud together at once.

Week #2: Leader Guide

Week Seven | Practice Sabbath | Exodus 20:8-11, 31:12-17

Welcome

- What was good in your life this past week?
- How have you been doing in this season with all the changes to daily life?

Pray

Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you from the WBS talk and/or the study guide this week?
- On a scale of 1-10, how easy is it for you to Sabbath? And why?
- If you currently practice Sabbath, what does that look like for you? If you don't currently practice Sabbath, what obstacles stand in your way and what would need to change for you to start practicing Sabbath?
- What activities are restful for you that could help you Sabbath?
- Share your picture from Day 5.

Pray for Each Other

Week #3: Leader Guide

Week Eight I Live Facedown I Numbers 14, 16

Welcome

- How were you encouraged by God or by others this past week?

Pray

Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you from the WBS talk and/or the study guide this week?
- We're all living in a pretty challenging season right now. How have you been doing with living facedown in this season, and why? How have you been doing with facedown prayer and dependence on God in this season and why?
- How do you tend to respond to criticism, and why?
- What is one way God might be inviting you to grow in a posture of facedown living?
- Describe a situation in which you currently need to go facedown. How can we pray for you in that situation?

Pray for Each Other

Pray specifically for what was shared above in the last question.

Week #4: Leader Guide

Week Nine I Walk by Faith I Hebrews 11

Welcome

- What is one way you saw God show up this past week for you or for someone else?

Pray

Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you from the WBS talk and/or the study guide this week?
- How has your understanding of faith changed this week?
- What has it looked like for you to live by faith in this season of “social distancing” and COVID-19? How has it been challenging to live by faith, and where have you seen God show up as you’ve lived by faith?
- Share one of your practices of walking by faith. What did you learn?
- Name an area in your life where you desire faith, and how can we pray for you in that area?

Pray for Each Other

Pray for each person and what was shared in the last question above.

Week #5: Leader Guide

Week 10 I Make Disciples I Joshua 1

Welcome

- Good/hard: What is one good thing from your life this past week, and what's one hard thing?

Pray

Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you from the WBS talk and/or the study guide this week?
- What surprised you about discipleship and disciple-making in this study?
- What do you love about the promises of God as He invites you to join His mission (Day 3)?
- In the midst of all the changes that have happened in our ability to meet with people physically due to COVID-19, what are ways you can still go and make disciples in this season?

***Day 5 from this week's Study Guide is an overview of what women learned throughout WBS this past year. Save these questions for next week.

Pray for Each Other

Week #6: Leader Guide

Debrief | Summer Book Club

Welcome

- It's been so fun doing WBS online with all of you!
- Looking ahead: Our WBS group won't meet again until the fall, but a great way to connect this summer is to join one of our Summer Book Clubs.
 - In this current season with "social distancing" and the "stay-at-home" order, we're not sure if Book Clubs will meet in person or online, but they'll for sure meet!
 - Invite them to join your group if you're leading a Book Club, or they can join another group. Groups will be posted here: cachurch.com/bookclubs
 - Summer Book Clubs will be reading one of three books together. You get to choose! *Lioness Arising* by Lisa Bevere, *Wild and Free* by Jess Connolly & Hayley Morgan, or *You Are Free* by Rebekah Lyons

Icebreaker Question:

- What are three things you're thankful for in this season?

Pray

Discussion Questions

- What is your big takeaway(s) from this last year of WBS as we've been in the book of Exodus?
- What have you learned about God, or what have you learned about yourself?
- In the last couple of months as our world has navigated COVID-19 and a lot of our lives have been changed, how have you seen God show up for you personally? Where have you grown or how has God deepened your faith or your walk with Him?
- What is one next step God might be inviting you to in your relationship with Him?

Pray for Each Other

Pray for each person by name. We suggest the leader prays for each person and that you pray a blessing over each woman in the group. Consider praying the following benediction over each woman - we read in Numbers that the Lord gave these words to Moses and told him to tell Aaron and his sons to use these words to bless the Israelites:

24 *“The Lord bless you
and keep you;*

25 *the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;*

26 *the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”*

Numbers 6:24-26