

Leader's Guide

For the week of February 5, 2012
Sermon Series: Made
Message #4: Made: To Rule, Pt. 2,
by Chris Seidman

Leader notes are in BLUE.

Group member homework is in BLACK.

This guide is designed for a 90-minute meeting. Use the timing guides for each section to keep your meeting on track. Depending on your group, there may be too much material in a section. Choose the questions that best fit the needs of your group.

Connect (10+ minutes)

Spend some time getting your group warmed up with ONE of the following questions:

If you had to sell something door to door, what would you choose: Encyclopedias? Jewelry? Cosmetics? Subscriptions? Bibles? Why?

Who do you take after in your temperament, your mother or your father? How about your body build? Your musical ability?

Review (10-15 minutes)

Spend time reviewing the sermon notes and any follow-up from previous discussions.

Encourage all of your group members to "Read the Bible Daily" by participating in the Life Journal Reading Plan. What is one insight you've had from your daily Bible reading this week?

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Discover (20+ minutes)

Read **Luke 10:1-24**.

Before asking the following questions, ask the group to reflect on the scripture and share if anything caught their attention.

1. What does Jesus say to the disciples when they return (vv. 18-20)?
2. What do these verses show you about the privileges you have in Jesus Christ? Of these privileges, which are you experiencing now?

Read **Romans 5:12-21**.

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3. How has the sin of Adam affected his descendants to the present day?
4. What results did the death of Jesus Christ bring?

Apply (20+ minutes)

5. In what ways are you being mastered by things that we were created to be masters over?
6. What does it mean to live under the authority of God?
7. How has a restored relationship with God, through Jesus, allowed you to regain authority?
8. What specifically do YOU need to do to better understand God's will?

Serve – Go (10 minutes)

Serve – Go helps develop ministry and leadership through missional activities. Serve is INSIDE the church and Go is OUTSIDE the church. These activities can be done as a group or as individuals.

Who do you know that needs to hear about the Gospel of Jesus?
Spend time praying with each other about how you might share Jesus with others.

Pray (15+ minutes)

Gender Breakouts: At least once a month, split up the women and men for prayer time.

Requests:

Announcements

Please share these opportunities with your group.

Marriage Seminar: February 24-25

Intimacy: Spiritual, Emotional and Physical, Featuring Dr. Doug Weiss

Friday : 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Farmers Branch Campus

Cost: \$85 per couple

We will be hosting **Dr. Doug Weiss** for a two-day marriage seminar at the Farmers Branch Campus. Couples attending this conference will be given the tools needed for an abundant marriage. Doug Weiss will walk couples through the three levels of intimacy - spiritual, emotional and physical - so that marriages can remain strong and resistant to divorce, which is plaguing America today. When marriages are intimate, they can last a lifetime! Dr. Doug Weiss is a Licensed Psychologist and the Executive Director of Heart to Heart Counseling Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dr. Weiss is a frequent guest in television, radio, and print media.

The Men's Retreat: March 30-31

Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX

Cost: \$75 per person

Men are called to be disciples of Jesus and leaders in our homes, church, and community. But what does that mean? Join other men of The Branch at the Riverbend Retreat Center as we explore who Jesus is and what He has called us to be. We will have time of worship, recreation, fellowship, and more.