

## Leader's Guide

For the week of February 12, 2012  
Sermon Series: Made  
Message #5: Made: For Community, by Chris Seidman

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**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:*

Who was your best childhood friend?

As a child, what “monsters” were in the dark that scared you?

### 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)



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Although the Trinity is not explicitly stated in the Bible, it is implied throughout scripture. Read the following passages and reflect on how they describe the presence of the “three-in-oneness” nature of God.

**Creation:** Genesis 1:2, 26, John 1:3

**Birth of Jesus:** Luke 1:35

**Baptism of Jesus:** Matthew 3:16–17 (See also Mark 1:9–11; Luke 3:21–22; and John 1:32–34)

**The Great Commission:** Matthew 28:19

**Paul’s Blessing:** 2 Corinthians 13:14

**Salvation:** John 14:26

## Apply (20+ minutes)

1. In what ways do you retreat from others and isolate yourself from community?
2. How have you seen the enemy work to destroy community?
3. What do you need to change in your life to embrace God's design for you to be in community?
4. What one insight from this lesson would you like to focus on for application this week? What concrete steps can you take in light of this insight?

## 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.*

We will be organizing an All-Church Work Week this summer, June 9-16. Pray about how your group can get involved with this project. We will have more information soon!

## Pray (15+ minutes)

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

Requests:

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## 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.