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FACILITATORS GUIDE

Meeting # 14: *Chapter 13 – Finding Real Life*

AGENDA: (Suggested times)

10 min. *Arrive early.*

10 min. *Engage each participant as they arrive.*

5 min. *Settle into group, PRAY*

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TONIGHT:

In a nutshell, *finding life* is the pursuit of things that matter most - God, faith, hope, and love. Essentially the eternal things in life. We know that the pursuit of happiness, riches, fame, or power will never truly satisfy us in the long run. We were made for the eternal and will never know *real life* until we are able to connect with God. Our pursuit of Him is all that really matters, or matters most in this life. That we connect with our Creator, eliminate the sin barrier through forgiveness, and then live a life that is an invitation to others to follow us in belief and surrender is *life*. This is ultimately what we were created for. To the degree that we take seriously this calling, is the degree that we will find the life we all deeply desire and long for.

When our pursuit is Him, we are promised everything else that is necessary for life and godliness. Any other pursuit will disappoint now and later. Let's get serious about our pursuits.

20 min. *Conversation Starter –*

Watch: One of my favorite Christmas movies is *It's a Wonderful Life*. Watch Chapter 26-28 and discuss what George learned about finding life (start time is 2:1:20 until end).

Read: John 10:10

Discuss: What does Jesus mean when he says that they might have life “abundantly”? What is the abundant life?

Discuss overall content:

- What impacted you the most from Steps 1-4 (W-I-S-D)?
 - Scripture – Pick one passage that personally spoke to you and emphasize it each week. Relate it to life and the study.
 - Book Chapter 12?
 - Any insights from Step 4 (your response)?

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55 min. *Group Study:* Discuss Step 5 (O).
Read the questions and encourage participation by everyone.

10 min. *Have the group complete Step 6 (M).*

5 min. Take time to pray for the individuals and couples in your group.

20 min. We are done, but please stick around for a few minutes if you can and get to know someone better.

Record any significant comments, questions, prayer requests, follow-up here:

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