#### THE WEEKLY

# New Life Small Group Guide

For groups meeting
December 29, '19 – Jan 4, '20
Gahanna campus

### **WELCOME** (15 minutes)

• Ice Breaker: What's a hope or wish you have for 2020?

## WORSHIP (10 minutes)

• Sing "Your Love Awakens Me" by Phil Wickham . Lyrics are on the back.

## WIN (15 minutes)

- PRAY for people you as a group are seeking to come to know Jesus as Savior.
- PLAN something fun to do together that you can invite these people to!

## WORD (25 minutes)

- 1. Read John 15: 4-5: Jesus calls us to abide in Him and He will abide in us. The God of ALL CREATION will abide in us! What does it mean to abide? And how does knowing that God will abide in us change your approach to your day-to-day life?
- 2. Read Galatians 5:22-23: Jesus says that if we abide in Him we will bear fruit. One type of fruit is the fruits of the spirit mentioned in this passage. Which ones of these fruits do you think you've grown the most over your life? Which ones do you think you have the most room to grow?
- 3. Read John 15:2: Jesus tells us that Christians will be pruned so they bear more fruit. Suffering, trials, and persecution are in our future if we are Christians, and God uses it for our good and His Glory. Talk about a period of suffering that you've gone through and how God used it to grow you and help you bear more fruit.
- 4. Read John 15:11: Abiding in Jesus is ultimately for our joy, which is very different than happiness. Joy transcends circumstances and allows us to see the growth beyond the trial. Jesus endured the ultimate trial (i.e. the cross) because of future joy! What does this type of joy practically look like in your day to day life?
- 5. Rule of Life is an intentional, conscious plan to keep God at the center of everything we do. John Calvin described it as, "Weaving into the natural rhythms of your life abiding with Jesus Christ". Have everyone share one practical step they can take to better abide in Him in 2020?

# WORKS (25 minutes)

• Break into smaller groups of **2 or 3's of the same gender** to pray for each other.

#### Your Love Awakens Me Phil Wickham

There were walls between us
By the cross you came
And broke them down
You broke them down
There were chains around us
By Your grace we are
No longer bound
No longer bound

You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart
came alive

Your love is greater Your love is stronger Your love awakens Awakens Awakens me [x2]

Feel the darkness shaking
All the dead are coming
Back to life
Back to life
Hear the song awaken
All creation singing
We're alive
Cause You're alive

You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart
came alive

Your love is greater Your love is stronger Your love awakens Awakens Awakens me

#### [x2]

What a love we found
Death can't hold us down
We shout it out
We're alive
Cause you're alive
[x3]

Your love is greater Your love is stronger Your love awakens Awakens Awakens me [x4]

Your love awakens me

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