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SECRETS *of the* SECRET PLACE

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a small group in a study of the secret place.

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Course Schedule At a Glance

Week	Chapters to Discuss	DVD Session Title	Meeting Date
1	None	Contending For a Testimony	_____
2	1-5	Claiming Restitution	_____
3	6-9	Drawing Near in Holiness	_____
4	10-14	Seated Between Father and Son	_____
5	15-18	Pursuing the Knowledge of God	_____
6	19-21	Awakened to the Word	_____
7	22-27	Praying the Scriptures	_____
8	28-33	Abiding in Christ	_____
9	34-38	Identifying With the Cross	_____
10	39-42	Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!	_____
11	43-48	Burning Before the Throne, Part 1	_____
12	49-52	Burning Before the Throne, Part 2	_____

Meeting Schedule At A Glance

(adjust to your needs)

7:00 p.m.	Coffee/snacks/fellowship
7:15 p.m.	Open promptly with prayer
7:16 p.m.	Icebreaker question
7:20 p.m.	Watch a 30-minute DVD segment
7:50 p.m.	Group discussion on the week's chapters
8:20 p.m.	Prayer for one another
8:30 p.m.	Close promptly on time

Guidelines For Leaders

This manual is a guide to help you lead a small group through a study of the book, *Secrets of the Secret Place*. The DVD series contains 12 teachings, so this manual is written to support a 12-week study. Customize the material in this manual, however, to fit your needs. Adjust the length of your course to make it longer or shorter according to the interests of your group. Some groups, for example, will study a chapter a week.

A. Checklist for calendar decisions.

- Determine how many weeks the course will last. Mark the dates for the first and last meeting. (Set aside one week more than you actually need. Then your study won't be derailed if you have to cancel a class over unforeseen circumstances. For a 12-week class, set aside 13 weeks.)
- Arrange a place for the class to meet.
- Choose a meeting length of 60, 75, 90, or 120 minutes, as well as the time of day the class will start and end.
- Consult both your church's calendar and your personal calendar to plan for any upcoming schedule conflicts.

B. Checklist to maximize the potential of your meetings.

- Choose an assistant. Ask your assistant to be available to lead the group in your absence.
- Procure the 12-part DVD series, as well as your own copy of the *Secrets of the Secret Place COMPANION STUDY GUIDE*. Bob Sorge speaks in all the DVD sessions, and has designed them to inspire and instruct. You will find wider interest in the class if you announce that the DVDs will be part of the series. Be sure to consult our website (www.oasishouse.net) for the latest on this DVD series and how it can work for you.
- Prepare effective ways to inform others about this study, and be clear about how to sign up. Specify if the group is limited in size, or if it's limited to a specific group, such as teens, men, women, college age, etc. Indicate whether childcare will be provided for parents with children.
- Prepare the financial aspects of the study. Decide how you will distribute books to the group. Some will decide to charge a fixed amount for the course, to cover the cost of the book, study guide, photocopies, the DVD package, etc. Someone may even be willing to sponsor the class by covering some of the costs.
- Decide whether you will have snacks and beverages.

Guidelines for Leaders, cont'd

HELPFUL HINT: Start and stop each meeting on time. Being disciplined in this will make the study stronger. When you're experiencing momentum in a meeting and everyone is enthusiastic over the material being discussed, it's very common to feel pressure to let the meeting go long. If you let it go long, however, everyone may go home happy and fulfilled but it can backfire on you the following week. The week after, people might think, "I really want to go again, but I just can't handle being out as late as I was last week. I think I'm going stay home and go to bed early." Therefore, instead of going long when the meeting has energy on it, do this: Close the meeting on time with a prayer. Then, after telling the folks they are dismissed, you can add that those who want to stay longer are free to do so. This will assure the group that you will close on time, every time, and they'll be more likely to return.

C. Helpful pointers.

1. There are two categories of material in this manual:
 - a. A leader's lesson plan for each class.
 - b. An outline for each DVD teaching.
2. Each lesson plan is designed for a 90-minute meeting. Adjust the times as necessary to your particular context.
3. You are welcome to freely photocopy anything in this manual. Make photocopies of each outline so you can distribute a copy to each person. Alternatively, each person could get their own copy of this manual.
4. An optional idea to consider: Make photocopies of all the lesson outlines in advance, 3-hole punch them, and place them in a binder for each participant.
5. The purpose of the Icebreaker Question is to help everyone become comfortable enough with each other to share freely in the group. It should last only 3-4 minutes. The question can relate to the subject matter of the study or it can be totally unrelated. Feel free to replace our Icebreaker questions with your own. If those in the group are new to each other, the Icebreaker Questions will be very helpful. If everyone already knows each other well, you may choose to drop the Icebreaker.
6. If the group is small enough, you can lead the discussion time with the entire group all together. If you have a group of eight or more, however, everyone is likely to have a more meaningful discussion if the class is divided into groups of 4-5 people per group. Smaller groups will give everyone the opportunity to contribute more actively to the discussion.

Guidelines for Leaders, cont'd

7. If your group is large enough, here's an idea to consider: Have each person find a prayer partner of the same gender in the group who will connect with them for the duration of the study. Encourage each pair to meet or touch base once a week. Each duo would ask how each other is doing in the study, encourage each other's pursuit of Jesus, discuss things for which there wasn't time in the group context, confess failures to one another, and pray for each other.
8. Be aware that the weekly discussion questions are related to the previous week's reading assignment, and not necessarily to the content of the DVD message.
9. This *Leader's Manual* can be downloaded for free on our site (www.oasishouse.net) or purchased as a book (from our site, or see the Order Form at the back of this manual).

Session One Leader Lesson Plan

Contending for a Testimony

Session 1 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Order the DVD series, or prepare to watch it online.
- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group (see below).
- Determine how each person will get their own copy of the book, *Secrets Of The Secret Place* and the *Companion Study Guide*.
- Snacks/beverages.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship.

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

Explain the format of the meetings so everyone knows what to expect (Ice-breaker, DVD, Discussion, Prayer).

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): What's your favorite thing to do in your free time?

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session 1.

Distribute the session handout. Encourage everyone to fill in the blanks on the handout while watching the DVD.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion.

1. Explain the rules about group discussion.
 - a. Any confession of failure stays in the group.
 - b. There are no right or wrong answers in our group discussion. We want you to feel safe to express what you're thinking.
 - c. We want to hear from everyone equally. Please avoid either extreme of dominating or holding back.
2. Lead the time of group discussion. You may select from the following questions or add your own below.
 - a. Why did you decide to take this class? As you step into this class, what are you asking God for?
 - b. "You can't follow someone else's conduct; but you can follow their faith." Is that statement meaningful for you? How?
 - c. In what way is Job's prayer life an encouragement to you?

Session One Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

- d. In what ways has God been making you hungry for a closer walk with Him? In what ways has He been starving you out of your comfort zones?
- e. What is the foremost accusation the enemy likes to use on you, related to the secret place, to discourage and shut you down?
- f. _____

- g. _____

8:20 p.m.

Prayer for one another.

- 1. You may want to ask if there's anyone in the group who wants to surrender their life to Christ tonight.
- 2. Link up each person with a prayer partner at this time.
 - a. Explain the purpose and function of the prayer partners (to encourage each other, discuss things for which there wasn't time in the group, confess failures to one another, and pray for each other).
 - b. Encourage each duo to meet or touch base once a week. This isn't required, but it has potential to grow into something very meaningful.
- 3. Suggest a format of prayer as seems fitting. You may want to have everyone split into pairs, and have each pair pray for one another.

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

- 1. This week's reading assignment is:
 - ✍ Chapters 1-5 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place*.
 - ✍ Or, if following a custom schedule, chapters _____.
 - ✍ Please don't read through the book all at once, as though it's a project to check off your to-do list. This is a journey that we all want to take together.
- 2. Help everyone get copies of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* and the *Companion Study Guide* as needed.
- 3. In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 1-5 entitled "For Personal Reflection," or chapters _____.
- 4. 5 things everyone should bring next week: Bible, *Secrets* book, *Secrets Study Guide*, notepad, pen.

Contending for a Testimony

Session One Class Outline

A. Introduction.

1. God got Joseph into prison; He was the one to get Joseph _____ prison.
2. Is. 49:23, "For they shall not be ashamed who _____ for Me."
3. Ps. 69:6, "Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed because of me."
4. Ps. 91:14, "Because he has set his _____ upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."
5. All things work together for good to those who _____ God," Rom. 8:28.
6. Complain right and He'll _____; Complain wrong and He'll kill you.
7. It's not the fire that changes you; it's the _____ of God _____ the fire that changes you.
8. Ps. 103:10, "He has not dealt with us according to our sins."
9. If Jesus can ask _____, then I reckon I can too.
10. Gal. 4:13, "You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. 14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus."

B. The outcome of your conduct.

Heb. 13:7, "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

1. You can't follow someone else's _____; but you can follow their _____.
2. The generation coming after you is watching your life to see what will be the outcome of your conduct.

Session One Class Outline, cont'd

C. About the book of Job.

1. Job is the only one in the book who _____.
2. The only thing that transfers universally between generations is a life of _____.
3. Bob outlines the book of Job with three _____.
 - a. Chapters 1-2, _____tornado.
 - b. Chapters 3-37, _____tornado.
 - c. Chapters 38-42, _____tornado.

D. This week's assignment:

1. Read chapters 1-5 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 1-5.
3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
4. Feel the liberty to underline and write in your book.
5. Write down your questions and bring them with you to next week's group meeting. No question is too basic.

Session Two Leader Lesson Plan

Claiming Restitution

Session 2 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.
- How will each person get their own copy of the book, *Secrets Of The Secret Place* and the *Companion Study Guide*?
- Snacks/beverages.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): When did you first get pulled over for a traffic violation? Did you get a ticket or a warning?

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Two.

Distribute the session handout. Encourage everyone to fill in the blanks on the handout while watching the DVD.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 1-5.

1. If there are new people here this week, explain again the rules about group discussion:
 - a. Any confession of failure stays in the group.
 - b. There are no right or wrong answers in our group discussion. We want you to feel safe to express exactly how you feel or what you think.
 - c. We want to hear from everyone equally. Please don't dominate or hold back.
2. Lead the time of group discussion. You may select from the following questions or add your own.
 - a. What are some things that distract you from the secret place? What practical steps can we take to fight for the secret place?

Session Two Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

- b. Talk about your favorite place to meet with God. Are you able to get to the same place every day?
- c. Share with the group some things you're discovering in learning how to hear God's voice.
- d. Tell the group if there's any area in your life in which you're deciding to invoke radical obedience.
- e. Can you tell of an area of iniquity in your heart that you didn't see for a long time, but then in some way the Lord showed it to you?
- f. What have you learned about becoming a good repentor?
- g. Is there anything from this week's reading in chapters 1-5 that you would like to discuss?

h. _____

i. _____

8:20 p.m.

Prayer for one another.

- 1. You may want to ask if there's anyone in the group who wants to surrender their life to Christ tonight.
- 2. How is the prayer partner arrangement working out for everyone?
- 3. For those that weren't here last week, link them up with a prayer partner.
 - a. Explain the purpose and function of the prayer partners (to encourage each other, discuss things for which there wasn't time in the group, confess failures to one another, and pray for each other).
 - b. Encourage each duo to meet or touch base once a week. This isn't required, but it has potential to be very meaningful.
- 4. Lead the prayer time as is fitting. You may want to invite each person to pray their own prayer aloud, even if it's just one line. Is there anything each one wants to repent of?

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

Session Two Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

1. This week's reading assignment is:
 - ✍ Chapters 6-9 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place*.
 - ✍ Or, if following a custom schedule, chapters _____.
 - ✍ Please don't read through the book all at once, as though it's a project to check off your to-do list. This is a journey that we all want to take together.
2. Help everyone get copies of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* and the *Companion Study Guide* as needed.
3. In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 6-9 entitled "For Personal Reflection," or chapters _____.

Claiming Restitution

Session Two Class Outline

- A. Luke 18:1-2, “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: ‘There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.’”
1. The purpose of the parable is to empower _____ prayer.
 2. The foremost temptation when heaven is silent is to lose heart.
 3. The scoffing spirit of 2 Pet. 3:4 says, “Where is the promise of his coming?”
 4. Unanswered prayers avail _____.
- B. Verse 3, “Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’”
1. There’s one thing she had that he failed to reckon with: She had a _____.
 2. By crying for justice, this widow was actually filing a lawsuit in her own way.
- C. Verses 4-5, “And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’”
1. God is not _____ by you.
 2. Prov. 15:8, “The prayer of the upright is His delight.”
- D. Verses 6-7, “Then the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?’”
1. “His own elect”: a term of endearment
 2. “though He bears long with them” translated literally is, “and is long-tempered over them.”
- E. “Get justice for me from my adversary” may actually be the most powerful prayer you can possibly pray.
1. Because justice involves two powerful dynamics:
 - a. _____: A restoring of that which was lost to original condition.
 - b. _____: punitive damages for losses sustained over time.

Session Two Class Outline, cont'd

2. Prov. 6:30, "People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. 31 Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; he may have to give up all the substance of his house."
- F. Verse 8, "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"
1. Hab. 2:3-4, "Though it tarries, wait for it...It will not tarry."
 2. Sometimes God waits forever...to change everything _____.
- G. This week's assignment:
1. Read chapters 6-9 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 6-9.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
 4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to bring to the group.

Session Three Leader Lesson Plan

Drawing Near in Holiness

Session 3 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.
- Snacks/beverages.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question: (3-4 minutes) What is the worst storm you have ever been in?

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Three.

Distribute the session handout. Encourage everyone to fill in the blanks on the handout while watching the DVD.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 6-9. Select from the following questions or add your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in the class text this past week that you want to discuss? Was there something that was especially meaningful to you? Or anything that raised a question? (Hopefully you wrote your questions down during your readings and brought them with you.)
2. Can you think of a time you sowed into the secret place and later received a harvest? Tell your story.
3. Review together the parable of the sower, Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23. How does this parable speak to your desire to be fruitful spiritually? What can we do to get rid of the hardness, rocks, and thorns that hinder our hearts?
4. Describe how you've learned to find peace and rest in the midst of turbulence and storm.
5. Discuss whether or not you agree: The closer we draw to the Lord, the lesser our chances of making a wrong decision. (chapter 8)

Session Three Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

6. What are some false gods that you have turned to in the past for deliverance? Tell of a time when God delivered you.

7. _____

8. _____

8:20 p.m. Prayer for one another.

1. You may want to ask if there's anyone in the group who wants to surrender their life to Christ tonight.
2. How is the prayer partner arrangement working out for everyone?
3. Lead the prayer time. Is anyone weary or discouraged as regards their secret place? Is anyone in the middle of a storm right now? Use Eph. 1:15-21 as the basis for your prayers.

8:30 p.m. Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

- ✍ Read chapters 10-14 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be). Please don't read through the book all at once, as though it's a project to check off your to-do list. This is a journey that we all want to take together.
- ✍ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 10-14 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Drawing Near in Holiness Session Three Class Outline

- A. If you want to know what someone feels most strongly about, talk to them about their highest joys and deepest _____.
1. God has not forgotten even a fraction of the horror and torment of Calvary.
 2. Which is why faith in the blood of Christ is so powerful.
- B. Faith in the blood of Christ makes you righteous.
1. The basis of righteousness: _____.
Phil. 3:9, “and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.”
 2. Faith in the blood makes you _____ (Phil. 3:9); righteousness gives you _____ (Heb. 10:19).
 - a. Ps. 15:1, “LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly.”
 - b. Ps. 24:3, “Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart.”
 3. If there’s anything you want, it’s righteousness!
 - a. Righteousness gives you the authority to _____
_____.
 - b. “But seek first...His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33).
- C. Faith in the atoning power of the blood is our basis of access to the throne of God, Hebrews 10:19-22.
1. “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water” (Heb. 10:19-22).

Session Three Class Outline, cont'd

2. Peter also deals with sprinkling:
 - 1 Pet. 1:1, "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 elect according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.
3. The purpose of sprinkling: To draw near.
 - a. The blood doesn't bring me near; it only _____ me to draw near.
 - b. Don't simply get clean and then leave.
- D. In the Old Covenant, people approached God on the same basis, the shedding of blood.
 1. God's desire for intimacy with His people.
 - a. "Whoever even comes near the tabernacle of the LORD must die. Shall we all utterly die?" (Num. 17:13).
 - b. Sprinkling of blood enabled God to draw near without _____ them.
 2. Our New Covenant is far superior to the Old.

<u>Old:</u>	One man	<u>New:</u>	All
	Once a year		Anytime
	In and out (fast)		Stay there
 3. Under the Old Covenant, they drew near in _____.

"And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain" (Ex. 19:11-13).
4. Through faith in Christ, all the rules about drawing near to God have changed.
 - a. The new rule is, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (Ja. 4:8).
 - b. The question in the Old Covenant: How can I draw near, without getting too close?
 - c. The question in the New Covenant: How close can I get?
- E. The blood qualifies me to bring my _____ into the throneroom.

Session Three Class Outline, cont'd

- F. An escort into the throneroom.
1. "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him" (Dan. 7:13).
 2. Eph. 2:13, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."
 3. Jesus died to get us into throne room!
- G. I enter "the Holiest by the blood of Jesus" (Heb. 10:19).
1. There are _____ of holiness, based on proximity.
 2. There is no holier place in the universe than where you now live.
 3. Holiness and righteousness are not the same thing; righteousness is what qualifies you to draw near, holiness is what happens to you when you draw near and stay there.
- H. This week's assignment:
1. Read chapters 10-14 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 10-14.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
 4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to ask the group.

Session Four Leader Lesson Plan

Seated Between Father and Son

Session 4 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.
- Snacks/beverages.

B. Lead the meeting.

- | | |
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| 7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship |
| 7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer. |
| 7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): What's your favorite sport to watch on TV? What's your favorite sport to play? Or if you are not into sports, what are you into? |
| 7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Four.

Distribute the session handout. Encourage everyone to fill in the blanks on the handout while watching the DVD. |
| 7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 10-14. Select from the following questions or add your own. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read and discuss the second paragraph of chapter 10, page 38. Does this paragraph articulate your current desires?2. Do you find yourself more zealous when within eyeshot of others than when alone with God (see p. 42, lower paragraph)? How is God changing you?3. Talk about fasting—your struggles and breakthroughs. How can we encourage each other in the grace of fasting?4. Discuss this statement from chapter 12, "Prayerlessness is the first sign of prideful independence." How does this impact you?5. Chapter 13 says, "Intercession is a response to pain." How have you learned to respond when you become aware of the pain of others in the body of Christ?6. Obeying the exhortation of 1 Pet. 1:13, what are some things we can do to be at the height of our mental powers in the secret place? |

Session Four Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

7. Look together at the bulleted points on page 53. Talk about the one that stands out most to you.

8. Is there anything from your readings in the class text this past week that you want to discuss?

9. _____

10. _____

8:20 p.m.

Prayer for one another.

1. How is the prayer partner arrangement working out for everyone?
2. Lead the prayer time. Suggestion: Have the group pray over each person in the group, one at a time. Or is there anything in the world news you want to pray for together?

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

- ✍ Read chapters 15-18 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be). Thank you for keeping pace with the group in your reading, and reading only the assigned chapters.
- ✍ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 15-18 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Seated Between Father and Son

Session Four Class Outline

- A. We enter the Holiest by the sprinkled blood of Christ.
“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water” (Heb. 10:19-22).
- B. How I envision this happening:
1. Figuring out the geography of Ps. 109:31 and Ps. 110:1.
 - a. “For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those who condemn him” (Ps. 109:31).
 - b. “The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’” (Ps. 110:1).
 2. Verses about being in the bosom of the Father and leaning on Jesus’ breast.
 - a. John said, “The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him” (John 1:18).
 - b. “Then, leaning back on Jesus’ breast, he [John] said to Him, ‘Lord, who is it?’” (John 13:25).
 3. “Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God” (Rev. 4:5).
 - a. “Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?” (Prov. 6:27).
 - b. People don’t come to _____ to you, but to _____ you.
 4. Ps. 15:1, “LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?...5 He who does these things shall never be moved.”
- C. Jer. 30:21, “For who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me?’ says the LORD.”
- D. This week’s assignment:
1. Read chapters 15-18 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled “For Personal Reflection” in chapters 15-18.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.

Session Five Leader Lesson Plan

Pursuing the Knowledge of God

Session 5 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.
- Snacks/beverages.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): Is there something you do when alone in the car that you would not do if someone were with you?

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Five.

Distribute the session handout. Encourage everyone to fill in the blanks on the handout while watching the DVD.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 15-18. Select from the following questions or add your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in the class text this past week that you want to discuss?
2. "Sin is like a cancer; God's presence is like radiation on that cancer." What does that statement from chapter 15 mean to you?
3. Tell a time when condemnation pushed you away from God's presence, and of a time when conviction drew you closer to God. What did you learn?
4. What are your two primary hindrances to spending more time with your Lord in the secret place? Talk about it in the group, addressing what can be done about it.
5. What time of day works best for your secret place?
6. Have you ever done a fasting prayer retreat alone? What's your honest response when you think about the idea?
7. Do you journal? If so, tell the group how it works best for you. Explain your procedures.

Session Five Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

8. _____

9. _____

8:20 p.m.

Lead the prayer time.

Suggestion: Have each person express how they desire the Lord's help as it regards spending time with Him each day. What is your request of God? Then pray for one another.

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

- ✍ Read chapters 19-21 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be). Thank you for keeping pace with the group in your reading, and reading only the assigned chapters.
- ✍ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 19-21 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Pursuing the Knowledge of God

Session Five Class Outline

“I don’t pray in order to make life work; I make life work so that I can pray.”

A. The most foundational Scripture when it comes to the secret place:

Matt. 6:5, “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

1. “Shut your door” i.e. have a specific place.
2. Reasons to shut your door:
 - a. To shut out _____.
 - b. To not be seen by men.
 - c. To have liberty to be _____ with God.
 - d. To preserve the _____ of your intimacy with God.
 - e. To be instantaneously with your Father.
 - 1) Access to the Father is the ultimate privilege of the universe.
 - 2) Jesus said you can petition Abba directly, Jn. 16:23.
 - f. To be rewarded _____ by the Father.
3. Some Christians dread judgment day.
 - a. Luke 8:17, “For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.”
 - b. Believers with a secret life in God don’t see that verse as a threat, but a _____.

B. The primary pursuit of the secret place is the knowledge of God.

Session Five Class Outline, cont'd

1. The knowledge of God is one of our primary pursuits in prayer.
 - a. “[I] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened” (Eph. 1:16-18).
 - b. “to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:19).
 - c. “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead” (Phil. 3:10-11).
 2. David yearned for this, Ps. 63:2. “So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.”
 - a. Glory: the beauty of who You are (face).
 - b. Power: to experience the power of Your right hand.
 3. The Bible makes a promise to those who pursue the knowledge of God: “Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord...He will come to us” (Hosea 6:3).
- C. Prov. 2:1-5 illumines the path to finding the knowledge of God.
- “My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.”
1. Prov. 2 is going to get us connected to the word of God.
 - a. What Jesus said about the Scriptures: “these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39).
 - b. Jesus said to the religious leaders of His day, “Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?” (Mark 12:24).
 - c. They didn’t know the Scriptures because they were unwilling to see Jesus in them.
 2. “My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you” (Prov. 2:1)
 - a. To treasure means to not _____.
 - b. Practical application: journaling.

Session Five Class Outline, cont'd

- c. "Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him" (Luke 8:18).
 - d. A journal is not the same thing as a _____.
 - e. I have two sections to my Journal.
 - 1) Entries by _____.
 - 2) Entries by _____.
 - f. The absolutely best way to get truth lodged deeply within you:
_____.
3. Prov. 2:2, "So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding."
- a. "Apply your heart" speaks of discipline and time management.
 - b. A secret place relationship with Jesus requires _____. Over time, desire will turn into discipline, and discipline will turn into _____.
 - c. A universal principle that applies to everyone: The secret place requires time.
 - d. Your discipline in the secret place actually starts the _____.
 - e. Jesus modelled praying in the secret place for several hours.
"Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed" (Mark 1:35).
 - f. Be on guard regarding distractions.
 - 1) Decide that the computer will not distract.
 - 2) Keep a to-do notepad handy.
4. Prov. 2:3, "Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding"
- a. This points to the role of verbal praying.
 - b. Express your desperate yearning for understanding.
5. Prov. 2:4, "If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures"
- a. To search for treasure means to _____ God's word.
 - b. Use a Bible with cross references.

Session Five Class Outline, cont'd

- c. Learn to use study tools: concordance, Bible dictionary/encyclopedia, commentaries.
 - d. Google: "online Bible study tools"
6. To summarize Prov. 2:1-4, keys to the knowledge of God include journaling, discipline, crying out, and study.
- D. This week's assignment:
1. Read chapters 19-21 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 19-21.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
 4. Make a note of any statements in your reading that you would like your group to discuss.

Session Six Leader Lesson Plan

Awakened to the Word

Session 6 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): What is your favorite fast-food restaurant? Why?

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Six.

Distribute the session handout. Encourage everyone to fill in the blanks on the handout while watching the DVD.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 19-21. Select from the following questions or add your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in the class text this past week that you want to discuss?
2. Share what your Bible reading practice has been. Do you have a systematic Bible reading plan?
3. Discuss the pluses and minuses of reading through the Bible once each year.
4. Evaluate the author's suggestion of simultaneous reading. What are the strong points and weak points of this approach? How would you improve upon this suggestion?
5. Use your group time as a "clinic" to become freer in praying from the Scriptures. Choose a Bible passage. Spend a minute meditating quietly in the passage. Then begin to pray from that portion of Scripture. Let your prayers be short, one or two sentences in length at a time. Let each one follow another person's prayer, popcorn style. Someone else's prayer may trigger your prayers.

Session Six Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

6. _____

7. _____

8:20 p.m.

Lead the prayer time.

Suggestion: Pray for those who have lost momentum in their Bible reading. Let's ask the Lord for help to grow in the grace of using biblical language in our prayers (praying the Scriptures).

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

- ✍ Read chapters 22-27 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be). Thank you for keeping pace with the group in your reading, and reading only the assigned chapters.
- ✍ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 22-27 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Awakened to the Word Session Six Class Outline

A. I'm an advocate of prayer retreats.

Matt. 6:16, “Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

1. I suggest your prayer retreat include the following: fasting (water only is best if possible), solitude, word immersion, minimal distractions, Lord's Supper, prayer.
2. Fasting is a normal part of New Testament apostolic Christianity.
3. Fasting is a gift, helping us to pursue the kingdom with spiritual _____.
4. I don't fast to change God, but to change _____.

B. Ask to be awakened to God's word.

1. Then, if you miss your secret place on a given day, you won't feel condemned; you'll feel ripped off.
2. Those who devote themselves to the secret place because they're trying to gain the Father's affection or approval need to recover the freedom of the gospel.
3. A performance mode (“works”) actually makes God mad.
 - a. Rom. 4:15, “the law [performance] brings about wrath.”
 - b. God gets angry when we try to perform to gain His acceptance because in doing so we actually dishonor the _____(work) of Christ.

C. Two words from the Greek New Testament are translated into English as “word”: *logos* and *rhema*.

1. A common distinction:
 - a. *Logos*: the written word.
 - b. *Rhema*: the spoken word.

Matt. 4:4 But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word [*rhema*] that proceeds from the mouth of God.”’”

Session Six Class Outline, cont'd

2. How I distinguish the two: A *logos* is a *rhema* God gave somebody _____.
 - a. When the writers of Scripture received the word from heaven, it came to them as a *rhema*; when they wrote it down, it came to us as a _____.
 - b. You can't give anyone a *rhema*. Only _____ can give a person a *rhema*.
 - c. Why we immerse ourselves in *logos*: Eventually we'll receive a _____. Gal. 6:8
 3. Once you experience a *rhema*, you're _____.
- D. This week's assignment:
1. Read chapters 22-27 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 22-27.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
 4. Underline in your reading those statements that are most meaningful for you. Is there a statement you would like your group to discuss next week?

Session Seven Leader Lesson Plan

Praying the Scriptures

Session 7 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): Would you consider yourself a morning person? What's your best time of day?

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Seven.

Distribute the session handout.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 22-27. Select from the following questions or add your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in our text this past week that you want to discuss?
2. Do you have a set time and place when you meet with God? What has been working best for you recently?
3. Talk about the time of day that works best for you. What have you learned about your body clock?
4. For those in our group who are not "morning people": Do you push yourself to go to the secret place in the morning anyways? Or do you choose another time of day instead?
5. What are the primary accusations the enemy uses against you, that hinder your secret place? How are you learning to combat those accusations?
6. Tell of a way in which you denied yourself, and how it became a portal to spiritual blessings in your life.
7. Do you fight sleepiness in the secret place? Do you tend to berate yourself when it happens? How can we be established in grace and confident love, even when we're caught by the weakness of our bodies?

Session Seven Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

8. When we're terribly bored and have the choice to persevere in the secret place or revert to another distraction that will alleviate our boredom (such as a visit with a friend or a means of entertainment), what can we do to make the right choice?

9. _____

10. _____

8:20 p.m.

Lead the prayer time.

Suggestion: Ask the group, are there any areas of self-denial that you know the Lord is calling you to, but for which you deeply realize your need for more grace from above? Let's come to the throne of grace together.

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

- ✍ Read chapters 28-33 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be).
- ✍ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 28-33 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Praying The Scriptures Session Seven Class Outline

- A. Praying and worshiping in the word is life-changing.
1. Attention psalmists: David was a _____ guy.
 2. You can't put too much pressure on a verse.
Psa. 12:6, "The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."
 3. When you worship and pray the word, truth enters you; it _____ you.
 4. We interact with the word in at least 4 ways:
 - a. Pray the word.
 - b. Read the word.
 - c. Study the word.
 - d. Memorize the word.
- B. Some benefits of praying the Scriptures.
1. It renews the mind.
"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2).
 2. It brings our emotions into alignment with truth.
"casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5).
 3. It helps produce mental _____.
To remain engaged mentally, many find a prayer list helpful. For help with constructing a prayer list, Mike Bickle has excellent online suggestions at www.ihop.org. Also see his booklet, *Prayers to Strengthen Your Inner Man*.
 4. It helps us to know how to pray, and what to pray for.
 5. It puts authority on our prayer life.
- C. Practical suggestions on praying from the Scriptures.
1. Remember to "salt" your prayers with thanksgiving and praise.

Session Seven Class Outline, cont'd

2. Formulating the language of praise comes easier when we praise Him for four things:
 - a. His word.
 - b. His works.
 - c. His name.
 - d. His power.
 3. Use any and every form of prayer (Eph. 6:18, “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit”), such as worship, praise, thanksgiving, intercession, petition, meditation, repentance, adoration, prophetic declaration, warfare, listening, etc.
 4. Three common responses to the word:
 - a. “I believe Your word. Yes, Lord.”
 - b. “Help me to understand. Give this to me.”
 - c. “I resolve to obey this word. Help me!”
- D. Simultaneous Reading.
1. Why I aim to pray though the Bible annually:
 - a. Bible _____.
 - b. Knowledge of _____.
 - c. Desire to be _____.
 - d. To _____ previous insights.
 2. Have a Bible reading _____. Don't rest until you land upon a plan that fits you well.
 3. My personal Bible reading plan:
 - a. Old Testament: once annually.
 - b. New Testament: twice annually.
 - c. Revelation: once weekly
 4. Reasons to consider a regimen of “simultaneous reading”:
 - a. The variety maintains _____.
 - b. It facilitates a well-balanced devotional life that blends both praying and reading Scripture.
 - c. Two Scriptures from different books will often shed light on each other.

Session Seven Class Outline, cont'd

5. I read daily in six sections (in this order).
 - a. Psalms
 - b. Song of Solomon
 - c. Old Testament
 - d. Gospels
 - e. Epistles
 - f. Revelation
- E. This week's assignment:
 1. Read chapters 28-33 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 28-33.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
 4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to ask the group.

Session Eight Leader Lesson Plan

Abiding in Christ

Session 8 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): Describe a time in your life when you planned to go one way, and then God or circumstances changed your direction.

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Eight.
Distribute the session handout.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 28-33. Select from the following questions or make your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in our text this past week that you want to discuss?
2. What relationship would you say exists between your general comfort level (or lack thereof) and your level of spiritual hunger?
3. Are desperate people easily misunderstood? Has there been a time when your zeal for God has been misunderstood?
4. How have you learned to walk with God in seasons of intensity or pain?
5. Chapter 29 makes the connection between a loss of hunger and sickness. What do your current levels of spiritual hunger say to you about your spiritual health?
6. Talk about the elements listed at the bottom of page 117 for restoring one's spiritual appetite. Which have you proven to be effective in your life?
7. The author writes, "It's not that difficult to learn how to gather manna. Just get out there and start working. Pick up your Bible, and begin to labor in it." "No man is to teach you how to find this knowing relationship with God; the Holy Spirit Himself will be your teacher." Is the author right, or overly simplistic?

Session Eight Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

8. The harder Jesus hurt, the harder He prayed. How does His example speak to you?
9. Talk about this statement, "There is nothing else that changes us quite so readily and profoundly as a devotion to the secret place in the midst of grueling hardship."
10. What are some specific areas of confinement in your life—ways you are hindered from full freedom or movement, against your will? What do you see as the Lord's purpose for these chains?
11. Have you ever been in a season of no options? Have you, like David in Ps. 139:5-6, viewed that time as the Lord's wonderful affections bestowed upon you?
12. Talk about social isolation and loneliness. How have you learned to persevere through such times?
13. What is the difference between waiting *for* God and waiting *on* God? How do we do the latter?
14. It is proper for servants to wait upon their King. Have there been times when, instead of waiting on God for His opportune moment, God has had to wait on you for you to find an opportune moment for Him? Do we sometimes get this thing backwards?
15. Do tears come with ease or difficulty for you? Do you feel free to cry before Him?
16. Tell of a meaningful time when you wept before the Lord.
17. _____

18. _____

8:20 p.m.

Lead the prayer time.

Suggestion: Chapter 30 closes by pointing to the revelation of God that John was granted as he endured in the Spirit in the midst of hardship. Do you carry a similar passion and hope for a personal visitation of Jesus Christ to you? Let's ask the Lord to visit us personally.

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

☞ Read chapters 34-38 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be).

☞ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 34-38 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Abiding in Christ

Session Eight Class Outline

- A. Do you have a favorite book of the Bible?
1. The Master Key to Christianity is found in John 15.
 2. “_____ in My love” (John 15:9).
- B. Why we seek to abide in Christ.
1. This is where we receive divine life.
“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).
 2. John 1:4, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”
 3. There’s so much life in God, He can’t contain it all. Rev. 22:1.
 4. In Rev. 4, John is caught up to the throne, and he sees four “living creatures” at the throne of God.
- C. “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you” (John 15:7).
1. The key to answered prayer:
 - a. “If you abide in Me”—intimacy
 - b. “and My words abide in you”—understanding
 2. When you have a life-dominating prayer, all you care about is the question, “How do I abide in Christ?”
 - a. Gabriel said to Zacharias, “...your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John” (Luke 1:13).
 - b. In Gethsemane: “So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words” (Matt. 26:44).
 - c. Abraham: “After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.’ 2 But Abram said, ‘Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ 3 Then Abram said, ‘Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!’ 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.’ 5 Then He brought him outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ 6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness” (Gen. 15:1-6).

Session Eight Class Outline, cont'd

- D. The great question of the ages: "How do I abide in Christ?"
1. Lovesickness is a sublime blend of exhilarated delight and distressed desire. (See Song of Sol. 5:8.)
 2. We continue to pursue because the goal is so glorious, desirable, and noble.
 - a. Great accomplishments are never attained easily.
 - b. A great goal deserves great effort.
 3. In your pursuit of an abiding relationship with Christ, you have a "Helper" (John 14:16). He will help you.
 4. You don't need _____ with the Helper.
 5. Paul called Him "the Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13). He's always promising things.
- E. John 15:1-2, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."
1. The whole point: Get the life of God flowing into you, and then you will bear fruit.
 2. A fruitful branch doesn't _____ at being fruitful.
- F. A few comments about pruning.
1. Fifty canes are trimmed back to 5.
 2. We have the constant tendency to grow too many branches.
 3. Pruned plants don't look good.
 4. God always cuts the vines back to their former size.
 5. According to v. 2, it's _____ branches that get pruned.
- G. This week's assignment:
1. Read chapters 34-38 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 34-38.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
 4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to ask the group.

Session Nine Leader Lesson Plan

Identifying with the Cross

Session 9 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): Do you wear cross jewelry or display the cross or a Christian symbol on your vehicle? Why or why not?

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Nine.
Distribute the session handout.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 34-38. Select from the following questions or add your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in our text this past week that you want to discuss?
2. The author uses the expression, "Happy holiness." What images does that expression stir up for you?
3. Once you've known the intimacy of holiness, you realize that nothing is worth losing it. Is there any one thing that primarily hinders you from holiness? (Only if it's appropriate to share in your group context.) How is God motivating you to overcome?
4. Discuss this phrase, "The secret place is God's ATM." How can we use the secret place to access the gold of the Kingdom?
5. What are some ways we can think we are rich, when in fact we are poor (Reve. 3:17)?
6. Can you tell of an experience in the last month in which God's word "read your mail?"
7. Have you ever felt like Job in Job 7:17-20? Or like David in Ps. 139:23? Have you felt schizophrenic between the two? How did you walk out with God the seeming paradox?

Session Nine Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

8. After reading chapter 36, do you find yourself wanting to invoke God's gaze? Or are you apprehensive? Talk about it.
9. How do you feel about the fact that God is watching you always? Do you wish you could hide at times? Do you view His gaze as a token of His abundant mercy?
10. In the cross we say to our Lord, "This is how much I love You." Is this a new idea for you, to see the cross as a means of expressing the full intensity of our love? Does this change how you view suffering?
11. Are you prepared to be a martyr for the Lord? Is there any way in which you are extravagantly laying your life down for Him today?
12. Have you experienced a time when spending time in the secret place actually increased your productivity that day? Tell us about it.
13. Is your secret place truly a respite and rest, or is it something at which you labor and strive? If it's the latter for anyone in our group, what can we do to turn that around?
14. Have you found your prayer life to actually help reduce your stress levels? In what ways?
15. _____

16. _____

8:20 p.m.

Lead the prayer time.

Suggestion: In what way is the cross applicable to your life right now? Is there any way in which you are suffering? Let's call upon the Lord for grace—not only to endure the cross, but also to uncover the extravagant intimacy that is available to us in the place of suffering.

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

✍ Read chapters 39-42 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be).

✍ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 39-42 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Identifying with the Cross

Session Nine Class Outline

- A. When you're in pain, there are certain portions of Scripture you gravitate towards.
1. Psalms; Job; Lamentations; the cross.
 2. David's greatest honor was being _____ three times on the cross.
 - a. When Jesus wanted language for His emotions on the cross, He reached back to David.
 - b. What kind of journey would you have to walk, to write the kind of thing Jesus would _____ to quote on the cross?
 3. Some of the greatest intimacy in the secret place comes through identifying with Christ's sufferings.
- B. When I don't know how to make sense of my journey, I go back to the cross.
- C. The cross from an eternal perspective.
1. Gen. 3:15, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."
 2. Satan was more _____ by the cross than Jesus Christ.
 3. In the end the Lord wants you to be able to say, "I took it in the heel; but my adversary has taken it in the head."
- D. Both Testaments launch with the exact same theme: "_____ through suffering."
1. James 1:2, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."
 2. I call James 1:2 the toughest verse of the Bible.
 3. Endurance is (according to James 1:3): Faith sustained over _____, in the midst of trials.
 4. I call James 1:4 the fattest promise in the Bible.
 5. The hardest verse in the Bible (v. 2) is tough to digest until you see it juxtaposition to the fattest promise in the Bible (v. 4).
- E. Inherent in the promise of James 1:4 is the assurance of divine encounter.

Session Nine Class Outline, cont'd

F. This week's assignment:

1. Read chapters 39-42 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place*.
2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 39-42.
3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters. Bring any questions you might have.

Session Ten Leader Lesson Plan

Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!

Session 10 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes): What was the longest line you remember waiting in? What were you waiting for?

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Ten.
Distribute the session handout.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 39-42. Select from the following questions or add your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in our text this past week that you want to discuss?
2. Why, in your opinion, is the knowledge of Jesus the greatest treasure?
3. Talk about Col. 2:2-3. What can we do to access these riches?
4. When it comes to things like Bible reading, is it easy for you to function out of your head rather than your heart? How can we engage with God's word at the heart level?
5. With Luke 24:32 in mind, can you share with the group a time recently when the Lord quickened a Scripture to your understanding, and it caused your heart to burn with passion for Jesus? What was the Scripture? What did He show you?
6. What kind of spiritual warfare have you encountered when you set your heart to stand before God?
7. Are you more comfortable with "doing" or with "being"? (That is, with doing good works for the Kingdom, or with just being in His presence?) How has God challenged your comfort zones and sought to broaden you?

Session Ten Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

8. Is the idea of having light in your body an idea that is rather new for you? Let's talk about this, from Luke 11:33-36. What does it mean to have your body full of light? What are your questions? What are your insights?
9. Let's talk about bodily sins. What have you found to be your most successful pathway to victory over bodily sins?
10. Got any suggestions for keeping our eyes on the holy and away from the unholy?
11. _____

12. _____

8:20 p.m.

Lead the prayer time.

Suggestion: Is anyone in the group in a season of "just standing"? Or perhaps you know you need to stand, but you don't know how to do it, or may feel too weak to persevere. Let's minister to these individuals, and believe for God to grant them the understanding, wisdom, and grace to be resolute and unmoving.

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

- ✍ Read chapters 43-48 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be).
- ✍ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 43-48 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!

Session Ten Class Outline

- A. I call Deut. 10:8 my job description.
1. “At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day.”
 2. When your _____ is shaken, you need a verse to return to.
 3. The cross tells me, you can always stand.
 4. The greatest battle ever fought was won by a Man who just _____ on the nail.
- B. Sometimes God seems to be _____.
1. Joseph.
 2. Elijah.
 - a. Elijah had an expression he used repeatedly, “As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand” (1 Kings 17:1; 18:15).
 - b. This reality was tested when he was under house arrest in a widow’s home for three years.
 3. Angels.
 - a. The angels simply stand and behold the face of God.
Matt. 18:10, “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”
 - b. We see Gabriel _____ times in Scripture:
 - 1) He comes to Daniel (Dan. 8:16).
 - 2) He appears to Zacharias. “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings” (Luke 1:19).
 - 3) He appears to Mary (Luke 1:26).
 4. It’s never a “waste” to stand before God.
- C. A common American expression: “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

Session Ten Class Outline, cont'd

D. According to Ezek. 44:10-15, standing before God is a higher calling than standing before _____.

1. v. 10-11, the lower calling was to be a minister of the house and the people.
2. v. 15, Zadok's descendants were privileged to "stand before Me."
3. We've thought of platform ministry as the higher calling.
4. Everybody wants authority when they stand before people; but who will pursue authority when they stand before God?
5. You will have no authority when you stand before people in public, unless you have first stood before God in _____.
6. I don't want the Day of Judgment to be the first time I stand before God.

E. John's most dramatic encounter with Christ happened at a time when all he could do was simply stand before God.

Rev. 1:9, "I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,' and, 'What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'"

1. The Lord's Day—resurrection day—was a reminder to John that he couldn't seem to access resurrection power in his prison.
2. He didn't get into self-pity; instead, he got in the Spirit. And he received the greatest revelation of Jesus of anyone in the entire Bible!

F. The Esther 6:4 principle: When the King decides to do something suddenly, He looks to see who is _____ in the court.

1. Esther 6:4, "So the king said, 'Who is in the court?' Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to suggest that the king hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 5 The king's servants said to him, 'Haman is there, standing in the court.' And the king said, 'Let him come in.'"
2. Haman got the job because he was standing in the court.

Session Ten Class Outline, cont'd

- G. Ps. 15:1, "LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart; 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; 4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the LORD; he who swears to his own hurt and does not change; 5 He who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved."
- H. This week's assignment:
1. Read chapters 43-48 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place*.
 2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 43-48.
 3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
 4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to ask the group.

Session Eleven Leader Lesson Plan

Burning before the Throne, Part 1

Session 11 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. | Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. | Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. | Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes) Describe a time when you met someone who knew you, but you had no idea who that person was.

7:20 p.m. | Watch the DVD, Session Eleven.
Distribute the session handout.

7:50 p.m. | Group discussion on chapters 43-48. Select from the following questions or add your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in our text this past week that you want to discuss?
2. For those in the group who have children, tell the others how you enjoy it when your children are affectionate with you. Make the connection to your relationship with your heavenly Father.
3. What does it mean to be rooted or established or grounded in love? How strongly rooted do you feel, in His love? Do you ever have times when you struggle, because of your circumstances, to love God with an abandoned heart?
4. "What must I do to be known by God?" How would you answer that question?
5. Have you inwardly feared if God truly saw who you were in the recesses of your heart, that He would reject you? Or do you really believe that He accepts you fully in the midst of all your struggles? Has this empowered you to search for more ways to disclose yourself to Him?
6. The Bible uses the word "to know" as descriptive of the marital union (e.g., Gen. 4:1). Intimacy is found in giving ourselves totally to another. How can we give ourselves even more fully to God, to know Him and be known by Him, in order to know the greatest intimacy?

Session Eleven Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

7. "You can't garner intimacy on the run." How do you feel about that statement?
8. Has God ever starved out your fulfillment in your labors or ministry? Or possibly even removed your ministry? Tell us about it (without spilling details about others). What was He wanting to change in you?
9. Are you ever relieved when your prayer time is over?
10. If you're a brother, do you struggle to see yourself as the bride? And if you're a sister, do you struggle to see yourself as a son?
11. Let's answer the question in the book, "Do you ever waste time with the Lord?" (page 187)
12. Have you ever had a time when you thought you were going to lose your mind, and when you turned to Jesus, He helped you walk through your season of vulnerability? Tell us about it.
13. What will it be like when we're together with Jesus in the eternal city? What will be the nature of our clinging relationship? When we think and talk about these kinds of questions, we're obeying Col. 3:2.
14. Talk about each of the elements involved in a walking relationship that are mentioned on page 194: companionship, dialogue, intimacy, joint decision-making, mutual delight, and shared dominion. Which of these do you feel is most lacking right now in your walk with God?
15. Discuss the statement, "God works with His friends." Do you agree?
16. Talk about the three qualities God is looking for (page 197): humility, faithfulness, and loyalty. Do you see these as foundational character qualities God is looking for in His servants before He promotes them to greater service?
17. _____

18. _____

8:20 p.m.

Lead the prayer time.

Suggestion: Let's each consider, "Is there any way in which I have lost something of my first love for Jesus?" Invite each one to express the desires of their heart to the Lord.

Session Eleven Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Review this week's assignment.

- ✍ Read chapters 49-52 of *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (or whatever the assignment needs to be).
- ✍ In the *Companion Study Guide*, ask them to complete the sections in chapters 49-52 entitled "For Personal Reflection."

Burning before the Throne, Part 1

Session Eleven Class Outline

- A. There was an event in biblical history that occasioned an explosion of scriptural writings unlike any other single event.
1. It was: _____.
 2. Put together all the Scriptures that deal in some fashion with the captivity of God's people, and you have roughly one-third of the Bible.
 3. Add those written by people in exile or prison, and you have almost half the Bible.
 4. A couple observations about captivity:
 - a. Captivity is sometimes _____ than expected.
 - b. Not everyone comes back. "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill!" (Ps. 137:5).
- B. Zerubbabel returned to Jerusalem with 50,000 people. The first order of business: Rebuild the house of prayer. The rebuilding is helped along by the prophetic ministries of Haggai and Zechariah.
- C. Now we come to Zech. 4.
1. Drawing the vision.
 2. One's first question: What does the lampstand signify?
 3. The historic, textbook interpretation: Nation of Israel.
 - a. Israel was called to be a light to the Gentiles (Isa. 49:6; Acts 13:47).
 - b. In this interpretation, the two olive trees are said to represent the anointed ministries of the priestly leader (Joshua, Zech. 3) and the governmental leader (Zerubbabel, Zech. 4) who are used of God to set the nation on fire for God.
 4. I see at least three other valid, biblical interpretations.
- D. The lampstand as a local (or city-wide) church.
1. "The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches" (Rev. 1:20).
 2. In this verse, a lampstand is a local church.

Session Eleven Class Outline, cont'd

3. What, then, would be the two olive trees? My best answer:
 - a. The ministry of the pastor/word (governmental leader).
 - b. The ministry of the worship leader/worship (priestly leader).
 4. Anointed worship, mixed with anointed preaching, is the God-ordained mixture that ignites the community of believers to be a bright light in their region.
- E. Rev. 11:4 gives us two other ways to look at it.
1. “And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth” (Rev. 11:3-4).
 2. Virtually all scholars agree that Rev. 11:4 is harking back to the vision of Zech. 4.
 3. First option: The two witnesses are the two olive trees.
 - a. In this interpretation, what is the lampstand?
 - b. My perspective: the end-time church.
 4. Second option: The two witnesses are lampstands.
- F. The interpretation I am submitting for your consideration: The lampstand is Zerubbabel.
1. To put it another way: The lampstand is the servant leader of the Lord. The lampstand is you.
 2. I knew I had a lamp in my spirit. “The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD” (Prov. 20:27). I had no awareness of having multiple lamps.
 3. We have multiple lamps within.
 - a. Jesus said, “Let your waist be girded, and your lamps burning” (Luke 12:35).
 - b. “And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God” (Rev. 4:5).
 - c. If that Spirit fills me, will I also burn with His seven fires?
- G. What are the two trees? It’s the question.



Session Eleven Class Outline, cont'd

H. This week's assignment:

1. Read chapters 49-52 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place*.
2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 49-52.
3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to ask the group.

Session Twelve Leader Lesson Plan

Burning before the Throne, Part 2

Session 12 meeting date: _____

A. Advance preparations before the meeting.

- Make photocopies and 3-hole punch this week's DVD handout.
- Select discussion questions to present to the group.

B. Lead the meeting.

7:00 p.m. Coffee/snacks/fellowship

7:15 p.m. Opening prayer.

7:16 p.m. Icebreaker question (3-4 minutes) If you could have a constant supply of something at your house, what would it be?

7:20 p.m. Watch the DVD, Session Twelve.
Distribute the session handout.

7:50 p.m. Group discussion on chapters 49-52. Select from the following questions or add your own.

1. Is there anything from your readings in our text this past week that you want to discuss?
2. Work to produce the best definition your group can put together for what the oil represents in the parable of Matt. 25:1-13. Oil is: _____.
3. If we “buy” oil, then obviously something is being expended in exchange for the oil. What is being expended? What is the price we pay to buy this oil?
4. Is it possible to have a personal ministry that is mightily anointed of God, and yet have your own inner supply of oil at a dangerously low level? What are the danger signs of that happening? Where will it end if we don't buy oil?
5. Talk about this idea: You can't get your anointing from somebody else's anointing.
6. God is a constant Source—but for many of us, we feel like we “get fueled up” in a few brief moments each day, and then spend that fuel in the pursuits of our day. Many of us feel like we're constantly being depleted. What secrets have you learned about accessing a constant source in God? Let's share our frustrations and successes.

Session Twelve Leader Lesson Plan, cont'd

7. The chapter closes by talking about having a fire that is fed by an internal source. For example, when oil wells are set on fire in the Middle East, it's difficult to quench the fire because it's fed from an internal source (oil in the earth). How does this illustration portray the desire of your heart?
8. Did you ever have an experience where you felt especially joined to God? Tell us about it.
9. It's union within marriage that produces children. Would you say that it's union with God that produces the greatest spiritual fruitfulness? Can you think of an example, in your life or in someone else's, of how this might work?
10. _____

11. _____

8:20 p.m.

Lead the prayer time.

Suggestion: Close by giving thanks for the blessing of spending these weeks together as a group, in His word. May God grant us the grace to fulfill every good purpose of our hearts formulated during this study. May the secret place be more than a temporary phase but a permanent lifestyle.

8:30 p.m.

Close promptly on time. Encourage everyone to return to the book repeatedly in order to be encouraged in their secret life in God.

Burning before the Throne, Part 2

Session Twelve Class Outline

- A. What are the two trees?
1. It's the question.
 2. My interpretation on the two trees: the _____ and the _____
 3. Can you see a mixing bowl effect?
 4. "And they said to one another, 'Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?'" (Luke 24:32).
- B. Next question: What are the seven lamps of fire?
1. The fire of God's _____, Song of Sol. 8:6.
 2. The fire of God's _____, Song of Sol. 8:6.
 - a. "Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame."
 - b. "Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, 'The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously?'" (James 4:5).
 - c. His name is Jealous, Ex. 34:14.
 - d. Paul wrote, "For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2).
 3. The fire of God's _____ (Lev. 10:1; Rom. 1:4).
 4. The fire of God's _____.
 - a. "I will blow against you with the fire of My wrath" (Ezek. 21:31).
 - b. Isa. 4:4 speaks of, "the spirit of judgment" and "the spirit of burning."
 - c. His wrath comes against anything that hinders love.
 5. The fire of the _____ of the Lord.
"The Spirit of...the fear of the LORD" (Isaiah 11:2).
 6. The fire of understanding, wisdom, discernment.
Isa. 11:2 describes the anointing on Jesus' life: "The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD."

Session Twelve Class Outline, cont'd

7. The fire of a burning tongue.
 - a. “The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” (Ps. 12:6).
 - b. His very breath is a fire, Isa. 30:33.
 - c. When the Holy Spirit was poured out: “Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:3-4).
- C. We need more than 90 hot minutes a week.
- D. The context of Zech. 4 is giving us a paradigm for Kingdom building.
 1. Zerubbabel has the challenge of building the house of prayer with meager resources.
 2. The question seems to be, “Zerubbabel, has the captivity done its work in you?”
- E. Zerubbabel’s mountain was a building project.
 1. What’s your mountain? What resists the will of God in your life?
 2. Zech. 4:6, “So he answered and said to me: ‘This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts. 7 ‘Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!’””
- F. Sometimes God uses captivity to excavate our hearts.
- G. Matt. 5:15, “Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.”
- H. Your assignment: Devote yourself to the secret place for the remainder of your days!

Answers

These are the answers to all the fill-in-the-blanks in each of the twelve session outlines.

Session One:

- A. 1. out of
- 2. wait
- 4. love
- 5. love
- 6. put it in the Bible
- 7. pursuit; in
- 9. why
- B. 1. Conduct; faith
- C. 1. prays
- 2. prayer
- 3. tornadoes
 - a. Satan's
 - b. man's
 - c. God's

Session Two:

- A. 1. unrelenting
- 4. nothing
- B. 1. cry
- C. 1. inconvenienced
- E. 1. a. restoration
- b. restitution
- F. 2. speedily

Session Three:

- A. sorrows
- B. 1. faith
- 2. righteous; access
- 3. a. draw near
- C. 3. a. qualifies
- D. 1. b. killing
- 3. fear
- E. issues
- G. 1. degrees

Session Four:

- B. 3. listen; watch

Session Five:

- A. 2. a. distractions
- c. yourself
- d. privacy
- f. openly
- 3. b. promise
- C. 2. a. forget
- d. diary
- e. (1) date
- e. (2) topic
- f. teach it
- 3. b. discipline; delight
- d. evening before
- 5. a. study

Session Six:

- A. 3. violence
- 4. me
- B. 3. b. performance
- C. 2. else
- a. logos
- b. heaven
- c. rhema
- 3. hooked

Session Seven:

- A. word
- 3. becomes
- B. 3. focus
- D. 1. a. knowledge
- b. Christ
- c. changed (into the image of Christ)
- d. remember
- D. 2. plan
- D. 4. a. interest

Session Eight:

- A. 2. abide
- D. 4. help
- E. 2. work
- F. 5. fruitful

Session Nine:

- A. 2. quoted
- b. want
- C. 2. bloodied
- D. enduring
- 3. time

Session Ten:

- A. 2. identity
- 4. stood
- B. wasteful
- 3. b. three
- D. people
- 5. private
- F. standing

Session Eleven:

- A. 1. the exile/the captivity
- 4. a. longer

Session Twelve:

- A. 2. word; Spirit
- B. 1. love
- 2. jealousy
- 3. holiness
- 4. wrath/judgment
- 5. fear

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