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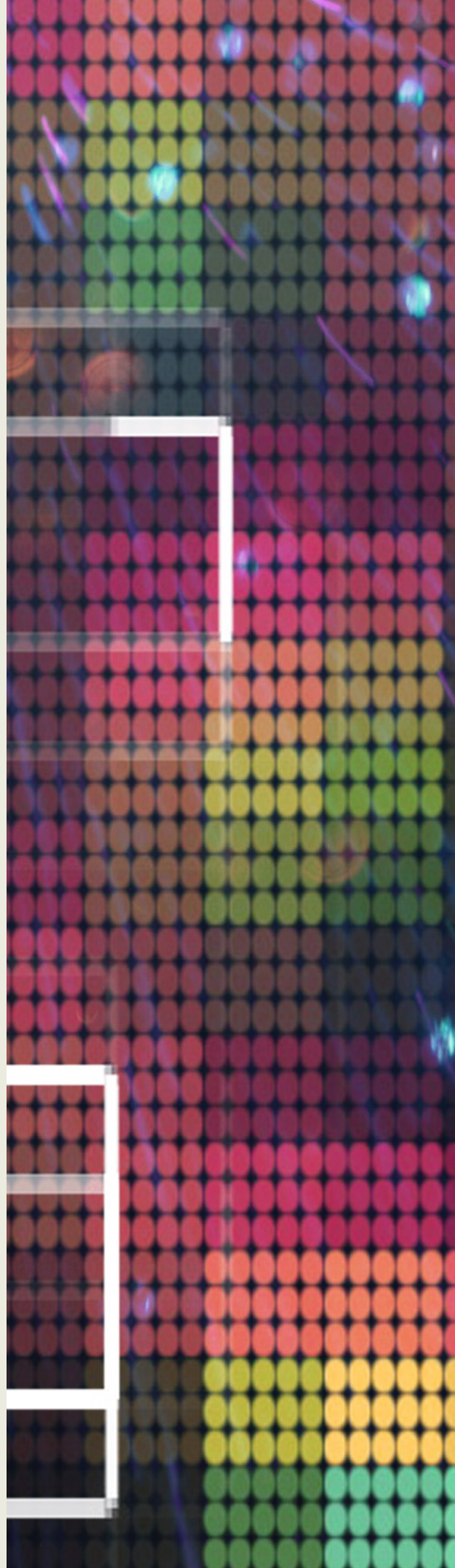
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Everyone wants to change the world. But how do you define real impact?

Do you define impact by the total number of followers or likes? Do you define impact by being invited to the right places with the right people? Or maybe you define impact by achievements, where your contribution to the world is measured in trophies or scores? If so, here's a hard truth: awards and likes can make an impact, but not truly matter.

Real impact happens when God works through us. And when we grasp this truth, the way we see our lives and the world around us changes. *Make It Matter* shows how much difference a life empowered by the Word can make; how Jesus is the power source for a life that matters; how God designed us to impact the world together; and how trusting in God's plan is the key to real impact.

Are you ready to live a life of real impact?

## HAVE YOU PREPARED FOR THE JOURNEY?

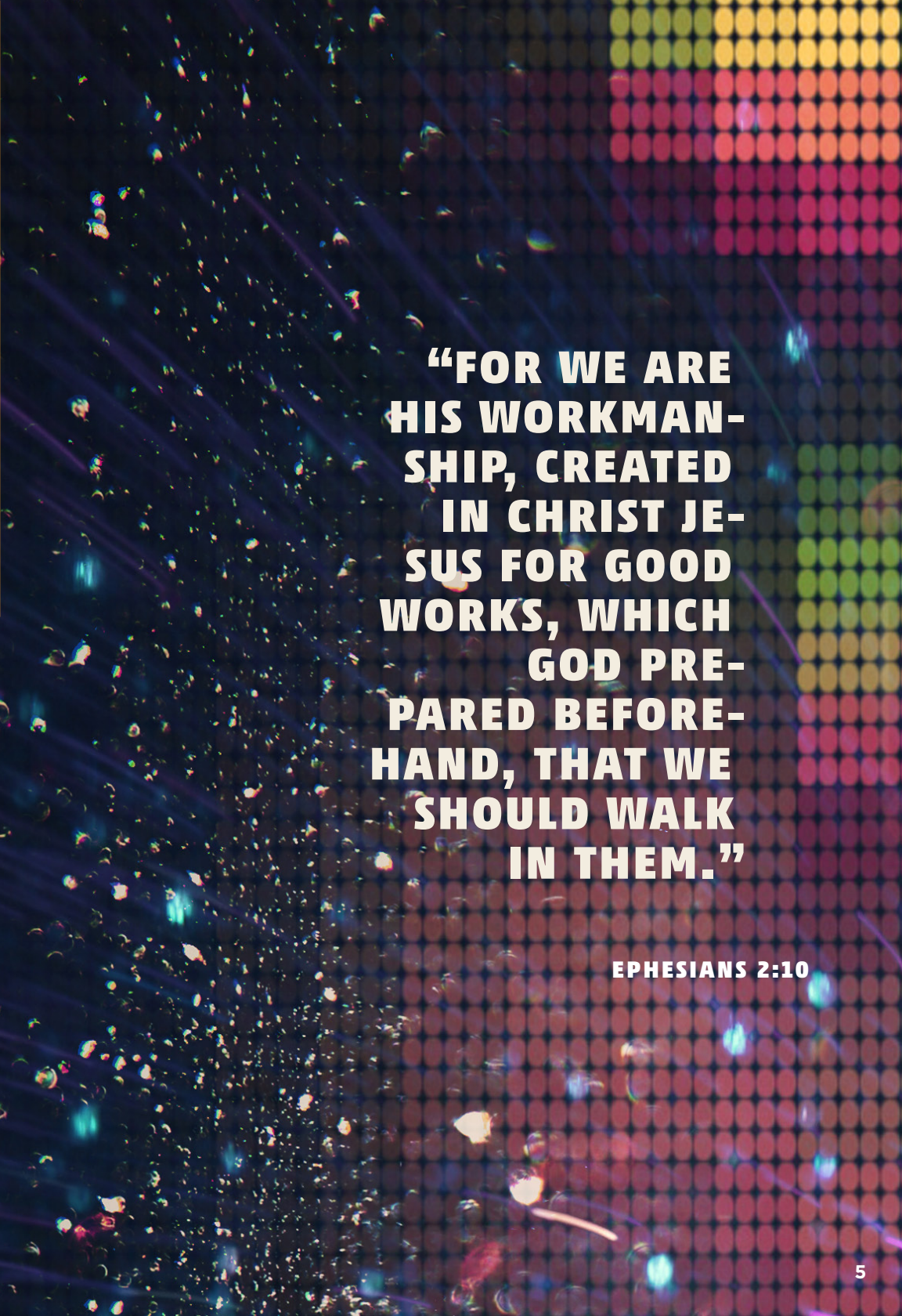
Ask yourself: Is my heart prepared to be challenged? Am I willing to be changed? If you can't answer "yes" to these questions, this journey might not be nearly as spectacular as it could be. If you need to, take a moment and silently talk to God in prayer. Ask God to radically move in your life.

## YOU'RE HOLDING YOUR MAP

This book you're holding is the roadmap for your journey. It will help guide your experiences. Write your name and the date in the front. Hold on to it. You may want to look back and remember this time in your life.

## LEARN. AND TEACH.

Keep your eyes and ears open for those valuable moments where God wants to teach you something. But don't miss the chance to teach your friends, and to be taught by them. Your friends are with you in this experience. Be open to what God is doing in and through them, and how He might be using them to speak to you. And vice versa.



**“FOR WE ARE  
HIS WORKMAN-  
SHIP, CREATED  
IN CHRIST JE-  
SUS FOR GOOD  
WORKS, WHICH  
GOD PRE-  
PARED BEFORE-  
HAND, THAT WE  
SHOULD WALK  
IN THEM.”**

**EPHESIANS 2:10**

# LARGE GROUP NOTES

These two pages are designed for you to take notes on during Large Group Sessions. The stuff you're learning will really build on itself over the next few sessions. So even if you're not much of a note taker, you might want to at least jot down what you think is important.

## **TRY WRITING DOWN:**

- Any specific teaching points
- Verse references for Scripture passages
- Quotes that make you think
- Anything you have a question about





## SESSION 1

# SMALL GROUP INTRO

Who influences you? Who in your life has impacted who you are?

Our parents, grandparents, or guardians often influence us. Their personalities or habits shape our personalities or habits.

Our friends influence us. Without even knowing it sometimes, we talk alike, dress alike, enjoy the same music; the list goes on and on.

In some cases, maybe there's someone who you don't even know who has influenced you. Maybe something an author or preacher or some other significant person said or did has impacted your life.

The truth is that you are shaped by many outside forces. Some positively, some negatively.

What influences you? And how is your life changed as a result? You're about to find out.



SESSION 1

# GETTING STARTED

How creative are you? Come up with as many answers to the questions as you can.

**QUESTION 1:**

**QUESTION 2:**

**QUESTION 3:**

**QUESTION 4:**

**SESSION 1**

# DIGGING IN

Read Acts 4:1-13 and write down what you think is interesting or important about the story.

Read the following verses and discuss them with your group.

**“[1] BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE WICKED, NOR STANDS IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITS IN THE SEAT OF SCOFFERS; [2] BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND ON HIS LAW HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT.” - PSALM 1:1-2**

1. The psalmist is talking about living our lives in such a way as to either live a blessed life or not. He first lists three things that lead to a life that DOESN'T experience God's blessing. What are those three ways?

2. He follows this up in verse 2 with a definition of HOW to live a life blessed by God. What is the key to living a life that experiences the goodness of God?

**“[16] ALL SCRIPTURE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, AND FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, [17] THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.”  
- 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**

1. First, what does Paul say about the Bible in verse 16?

2. What does this mean for how we view the Bible?

3. But check out what else it says. What does verse 17 mean?



## SESSION 1

# WRAPPING UP

*How are you doing when it comes to spending time in God's Word? Use the questions below to help you evaluate this aspect of your faith.*

1. How often each week do you read your Bible?

NEVER

MOST DAYS

EACH DAY

2. How much influence does the Bible have on your life?

NOT MUCH

SOME

LOTS

3. Does meeting God in the Bible help you feel more connected to Him?

NOT REALLY

SOMEWHAT

VERY

4. What is your attitude toward reading the Bible?

HARD TO GET EXCITED

SOMETIMES ENJOY IT

REALLY LOVE IT

5. Do you find yourself putting what you read in the Bible to use in your life?

NOT REALLY

SOMETIMES

YES, OFTEN

6. What is the biggest obstacle standing in the way of you being more committed to reading the Bible?

7. Describe the kind of relationship you want to have with the Bible and how you want your life to be impacted by it?