

# HOME GROUP

## Leader Guide



**5 LIES OF THE DEVIL**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2014**  
**I CAN'T BE REAL**



## **SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)**

**GROUP LEADERS:** In light of this week's challenges to our church, your primary goal this week is to protect the unity of our church as people ask questions and share concerns. There is no problem with that. But as soon as it comes even remotely close to gossip, please stop or redirect the conversation! If someone has questions or concerns that you are not able to answer with certainty, or you feel their comments step into the area of gossip, please tell the group or that person they should and can go directly to Pastor Rodney with that by emailing [Rodney@onelifeknox.com](mailto:Rodney@onelifeknox.com). This is crucial!

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

### **SERVE THE CITY – AGAPE OUTREACH HOME**

We're looking for a home group to step up and help Agape Outreach Home in Fountain City host their annual fall festival with their residents. Agape specializes in inpatient care and rehabilitation for individuals with mental illness and disability. This event provides a fun weekend for the residents! By volunteering at this event, we are freeing their staff to invest in and be with the residents instead of managing games and food! Sign up by emailing [dylan@onelifeknox.com](mailto:dylan@onelifeknox.com).

### **COUNSELING IS AVAILABLE**

The 5 Lies of The Devil Sermon Series has been one of the most challenging and life changing series in OneLife history. If you have felt challenged by these messages and would like to talk it over with a professional counselor, OneLife is providing the first two sessions at Ebenezer Counseling Services at no charge. For more information or to make your appointment, contact Ebenezer Counseling Services at (865) 670-0988 and tell them that you're from OneLife Church.

### **WE BELIEVE**

We Believe is a unique presentation where parents and kids learn what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The next We Believe presentation is on October 26<sup>th</sup> after the second service at both campuses. To sign up or for more information, email [kids@onelifeknox.com](mailto:kids@onelifeknox.com).

### **PRE-ORDER YOUR WORSHIP ALBUM**

It's not too late to pre-order copies of the new OneLife Worship Album: Waking The Giant (Live). You can get yours today for \$10 by going to [www.onelifeknox.com/cd](http://www.onelifeknox.com/cd)!

## KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

**PROVERBS 28:13 (NLT)** – People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

**MATTHEW 10:26 (NLT)** - For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.

**JAMES 5:16 (NLT)** - Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?

**1 TIMOTHY 5:19-20 (NLT)** - 19 Do not listen to an accusation against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses.

20 Those who sin should be reprimanded in front of the whole church; this will serve as a strong warning to others.

**ACTS 19:11-20 (NLT)** - <sup>11</sup> God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. <sup>12</sup> When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled. <sup>13</sup> A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, “I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!” <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup> But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, “I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?” <sup>16</sup> Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered. <sup>17</sup> The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored. <sup>18</sup> Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. <sup>19</sup> A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. <sup>20</sup> So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.

**JOHN 8:31-32 (NLT)** - Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

### Jog Your Memory:

- The Lie: “I can’t be real.”
- The costs of concealment are far greater than the costs of confession!
- Sin WILL be covered up – either by us trying to conceal it (and failing) or by Jesus!
- The hinge of it all is not softening on sin by calling it something else. I must recognize sin to be able to confess it and be real.

- 1. Have you ever known someone who was “real” in all the situations you observed them? Who comes to mind as that person? What was it that made them real? How did this help you to trust them? How did it impact your relationship with them?**

Don't be afraid to let the group sit on this one for a minute to set the stage for the evening's discussion. Wait for someone to begin talking about a person they knew who was “real.” Ask them follow up questions about what made that person so real? Be ready to share your own example, even if it was someone you only “knew” from a distance or many years ago.

- 2. Read Acts 19:11-20. How was this group of Jews not being real? How, then, did the new believers respond to their faith in Jesus and “keep it real” (v. 18) as a result? Why was this important based on what they were previously doing? What was the result of their confession and transparency (v. 20)?**

Focus on the group of Jews being “fake” about Jesus, confessing once they gave their lives to him, and then the massive spread of the gospel as a result.

It was important for the new believers to confess for many reasons:

- Show people they were different now.
- Publicly separate themselves from their past life.
- Hold each other accountable to not return to that lifestyle.
- There may be others!

As a followup, ask the group why they think such an honest confession and “real” approach allowed the spread of the gospel in verse 20? Would it have still happened if they didn't confess?

- No it wouldn't have!
- No one would have known they were changed!

- God would not have seen them willing to completely turn away from their sin

**3. If you were to follow the pattern of sin, confession, and redemption seen in Acts 19:11-20, what steps would you take in your personal life based on who you were before Jesus? Who would you confess to? What would it look like if your life could be known for an Acts 19:20 legacy because of confession and keeping it real?**

Encourage your group to really think about this. Think about each of the three main sections of what happened in the passage:

- Sin – who I was before Jesus more than a specific sin. However, the two are often connected (i.e. Before I knew Jesus, I was sexually promiscuous. OR Before I knew Jesus, I was materialistic. Etc.)
- Confession – Based on who I was before Jesus, I need to confess to those who I hurt by my actions then, even if they don't think I hurt them! Maybe my simple participation, which was part of them being kept far from God, should be confessed. Or maybe it is more obvious and my sin literally hurt others.
- Redemption – What will my life look like if I am fully redeemed?

Encourage your group to give thought to how their life can be part of “the message spread(ing) widely...” What would that tangibly look like if we make confession and being real part of who we are?

**4. Recap the Five Lies of the Devil that we have talked about. Which is the hardest for you to stop believing? How does understanding that you believe lies from the enemy change the way you think about this popular verse: John 8:31-32? How would your life glorify God more if you were truly set free by the truth? What would be different?**

After reading John 8:31-32, ask the group to brainstorm how confession goes hand-in-hand with being set free by the truth. Get them to be honest about the lies they believe and how much different they would be if the lies were overcome by truth.

**END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)**

Pray specifically for our church, the Halls campus, and our church leadership to navigate us through this time of transition and healing! Pray for protection from gossip and attack from the enemy!