

STUDY GUIDE

NEVER THE SAME 3.29.15

[Instructions for LifeGroup leaders]

As you prepare to take your LifeGroup through this study, remember that this guide is provided in the hopes that you will customize it based on the insights you have of your group. You can dig deeper by studying in advance for additional references, study helps and applications or you can trim it down and focus on one section that you feel your group needs to discuss and grow in. It's your study "guide". Modify as much as you want and have fun with it!

[setup]

Does anyone have any Live New 10/24 stories to share?

When you were a child, did you play any musical instruments or sports? Were you good? Did your parents come to see you? If so, why did they?

If you are a parent, did you enjoy when your child was in sports or music lessons? Why is that? What can we know about our heavenly Father knowing our earthly parents?

[digging deeper]

Read Acts 9:1-20, 26-27

This week we talked about how Jesus is the only one who saves, but God uses us as instruments to see people come to know Jesus. We need to do our part! Remember that Saul was confronted by the risen Jesus, but Jesus used Ananias to explain salvation and Barnabas to teach him the life of faith. Who was the Ananias and Barnabas in your life?

Share a time when you were either an Ananias (who leads someone to Christ) or a Barnabas (who teaches someone about what it means to be saved).

Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. How is this applied to our own lives and experiences? What does this passage say about how we should view Christian leaders and God's work within the community of faith?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. What does this say about how we serve our family, neighbors, and church? Is anyone off the hook if they don't have any of the "noble" gifts?

[live it out]

What do you think is your part to play this week in preparation for Easter? How can you use Easter as a special opportunity to point people to Jesus? Who can you invite to Easter service on Sunday?