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THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR SERVING AS THE FACILITATOR for the participants who will join you in this study. While I will have the privilege of speaking to them through the video series, your leadership is essential. Your thoughtful and loving guidance will encourage them to consistently do their Bible study during the week and feel comfortable sharing their discoveries in your group. Please be assured that I, and others on this curriculum development team, have been praying for you.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3–6).

As you lead others to discover the Holy Spirit as their constant companion, I pray that you will encourage each other to effectively share who the Holy Spirit is: Jesus in me. And in you.

For His Glory,





FOR STARTERS

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES to read this helpful information before you begin the *Jesus in Me* study. It should answer most of the questions you may have.

WHAT'S ON THE VIDEOS?

The accompanying videos feature the following components:

- An interactive workshop in session 1 led by Anne Graham Lotz that describes the Bible study method participants will be using.
- Seven additional video sessions with Anne that focus on learning about the Holy Spirit.

WHAT OTHER MATERIALS ARE NEEDED?

The following materials will be needed for a successful small group time:

- A computer with monitor or a television with a DVD player
- A watch, clock, or cellphone with alarm (to monitor the time)
- *Jesus in Me Study Guide* (one per group member)
- *Jesus in Me Video Study*
- A Bible (one per group member)
- Pens or pencils (enough for everyone)
- Optional: *Jesus in Me* book by Anne Graham Lotz (recommended for leaders, but optional for participants)

GOOD TO KNOW

Here are a few additional items to keep in mind as you lead your group:

- **Your Role as Facilitator:** As the facilitator, your role is to take care of your guests by managing the behind-the-scenes details so that when everyone arrives, they can just enjoy their time together. Your role is not to answer all the questions or reteach the content—the video and study guide will do much of the work. You want to guide the group and make it a place where people can process, question, and reflect on the Bible readings and the teachings.
- **Setting and Time:** This study can work equally well in church or home groups. The first session is planned to be 90 minutes in length, while the subsequent sessions are approximately 60 minutes. In more formal, time-sensitive church settings, you will likely need to follow the time frames provided in the session outline more closely in order to finish all the content. In less formal home settings, you can “round off” time frames and still end up with about an hour of study material. In either case, remember these are suggested time frames and are open to adjustment as you see fit.
- **Hospitality:** Regardless of where you conduct the study, create an environment that is conducive to sharing and learning. Make sure there is enough comfortable seating for everyone and, if possible, arrange the seats in a semi-circle so everyone can see the video. This will make the transition between the video and group conversation more natural. Consider offering simple refreshments to create a welcoming atmosphere, and make sure your media technology is working properly before the session begins.

WEEKLY PREPARATION

As the facilitator, there are a few things you may want to do to prepare for each meeting:

- **Read through the lesson:** This will help you to become familiar with the content and know how to structure the discussion times.
- **Decide which questions you want to discuss:** You may not be able to cover every question in the group discussion section. Select the questions ahead of time that you absolutely want the group to discuss in depth.
- **Be familiar with the questions you want to discuss:** When the group meets you will be watching the clock, so make sure you are familiar with the study questions you have selected.
- **Pray for your group:** Pray for your group members by name throughout the week and ask God to lead them as they study His Word.
- **Bring extra supplies to your meeting:** The group members should bring their own pens for writing notes, but it's a good idea to have extras available for those who forget. You may also want to bring additional paper and Bibles.

GROUP DYNAMICS

Leading a group is highly rewarding, but that doesn't mean you will not encounter any challenges along the way. Discussions can get off track. Group members may not be sensitive to the ideas of others. Some may express comments that result in disagreements. To help ease this strain on you and the group, consider the following ground rules:

- **Off topic:** When someone raises a question or comment that is off the main topic, suggest you deal with it another time, or, if you feel led to go in that direction, let the group know you will be spending some time discussing it.
- **Don't know the answer:** If someone asks a question you don't know how to

answer, admit it and move on. At your discretion, feel free to invite group members to comment on questions that call for personal experience.

- **Dominating discussion:** If you find one or two people are dominating the discussion time, direct questions to others in the group. Outside the group time, ask the more dominating members to help you draw out the quieter ones. Work to make them a part of the solution instead of the problem.
- **Disagreements:** When a disagreement occurs, encourage group members to process the matter in love. Have those on opposite sides restate what they heard the other side say about the matter, and then invite each side to evaluate if that perception is accurate. It's most important that the answers given are based on the passages of Scripture studied.

When these situations arise, guide your group to follow the words from the Bible: “Love one another” (John 13:34), “As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone” (Romans 12:18), and “Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” (James 1:19).

BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP

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FOR THE BEST EXPERIENCE IN FACILITATING THIS STUDY, it's important to preview the video for session 1 and complete all the written exercises in this study guide prior to leading your group. Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials. Pray for the participants by name (if known). Pray Ephesians 1:17–18 for them, that God will open their hearts to His Word and they will get to know Him better as a result of the Spirit's revelation.

SESSION OUTLINE (90 MINUTES)

- I. Introduction/Opening Prayer (5 minutes)
- II. Explanation of Bible Study Sessions (5 minutes)
- III. Video Teaching and Group Work (70 minutes)
 - A. Opening and Teaching on Steps 1–2 (13 minutes)
 - B. Group Work on Steps 1–2 (5 minutes)
 - C. Review of Steps 1–2 and Teaching on Step 3 (2 minutes)
 - D. Group Work on Step 3 (15 minutes)
 - E. Review of Step 3 and Teaching on Step 4 (13 minutes)
 - F. Group Work on Step 4 (5 minutes)

- G. Review of Step 4 and Teaching on Step 5 (12 minutes)
- H. Group Work on Step 5 (5 minutes)
- IV. Wrapping Up and Next Steps (10 minutes)

INTRODUCTION/OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

Take a few moments as this opening session begins to introduce yourself to anyone in the group you do not know and give your contact information. If it can be done quickly, ask the participants to introduce themselves. It may be helpful in a larger group to provide nametags. To save time, you can have the nametags pre-printed with their names on one side, and your name and contact information on the other side. Ensure the participants have a copy of the study guide. Pray that God would use the coming hour to help everyone present to become more effective students and doers of His Word.

EXPLANATION OF BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS (5 MINUTES)

Explain that this first session in *Jesus in Me* is unique, as Anne will describe a method for studying the Bible that they will use during their personal quiet time throughout the study. During this opening session, which will be approximately 90 minutes in length, the group members will watch the video and complete the work found on pages 6–9.

VIDEO TEACHING AND GROUP WORK (70 MINUTES)

Show the video, following the instructions given by Anne during the session. Note that you will be stopping the video periodically for the participants to complete each of the steps.

WRAPPING UP AND NEXT STEPS (10 MINUTES)

Tell the group members that they will begin to explore the Holy Spirit in sessions 2–8. Refer group members to the Individual Bible Study found on page 11, and ask them to complete the studies before the next session. Close your time in prayer.

LOVING THE *Person* OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P REVIEW THE VIDEO BEFORE YOUR MEETING and complete all the written exercises in this guide. Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials. Remember also to pray for the participants who will be attending.

SESSION OUTLINE (60 MINUTES)

REVIEW OF PRE-SESSION BIBLE STUDY (15 MINUTES)

Welcome any new participants, and then refer the group to their notes on pages 14–24. As time allows, have one member share the facts he or she drew from each verse (Step 2). Then have several different members share the following:

- The lessons they learned from each verse (Step 3).
- The most meaningful question they wrote out in response to Step 4, citing the verse on which the question was based.
- Their outstanding takeaway in Step 5.

VIDEO TEACHING (18 MINUTES)

Watch the teaching video for session 2. Refer the group members to page 27 and remind them there is space to take notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION (17 MINUTES)

Refer to the Group Discussion questions on page 28 to stimulate discussion on the topics presented during the video teaching. Ask the group members to share any personal encouragement, challenge, or inspiration they received as they watched.

WRAP UP AND GO DEEPER (10 MINUTES)

Conclude by praying over your group. Review the next week's schedule on page 32 and finally close your group meeting by reading the blessing and encouragement on page 29. Remind them to read the passage and complete the studies before the next session. Close in prayer.

ENJOYING THE *Presence* OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P REVIEW THE VIDEO BEFORE YOUR MEETING and complete all the written exercises in this guide. Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials. Remember also to pray for the participants who will be attending.

SESSION OUTLINE (60 MINUTES)

REVIEW OF PRE-SESSION BIBLE STUDY (15 MINUTES)

Welcome any new participants, and then refer the group to their notes on pages 34–44. As time allows, have one member share the facts he or she drew from each verse (Step 2). Then have several different members share the following:

- The lessons they learned from each verse (Step 3).
- The most meaningful question they wrote out in response to Step 4, citing the verse on which the question was based.
- Their outstanding takeaway in Step 5.

VIDEO TEACHING (17:30 MINUTES)

Watch the teaching video for session 3. Refer the group members to the outline on page 47 and remind them there is space to take notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION (17 MINUTES)

Refer to the Group Discussion questions on page 48 to stimulate discussion on the topics presented during the video teaching. Ask the group members to share any personal encouragement, challenge, or inspiration they received as they watched.

WRAP UP AND GO DEEPER (10 MINUTES)

Conclude by praying over your group. Review the next week's schedule on page 52 and finally close your group meeting by reading the blessing and encouragement on page 49. Remind them to read the passage and complete the studies before the next session. Close in prayer.

RELYING ON THE *Power* OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P REVIEW THE VIDEO BEFORE YOUR MEETING and complete all the written exercises in this guide. Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials. Remember also to pray for the participants who will be attending.

SESSION OUTLINE (60 MINUTES)

REVIEW OF PRE-SESSION BIBLE STUDY (15 MINUTES)

Welcome any new participants, and then refer the group to their notes on pages 54–64. As time allows, have one member share the facts he or she drew from each verse (Step 2). Then have several different members share the following:

- The lessons they learned from each verse (Step 3).
- The most meaningful question they wrote out in response to Step 4, citing the verse on which the question was based.
- Their outstanding takeaway in Step 5.

VIDEO TEACHING (17 MINUTES)

Watch the teaching video for session 4. Refer the group members to page 67 and remind them there is space to take notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION (17 MINUTES)

Refer to the Group Discussion questions on page 68 to stimulate discussion on the topics presented during the video teaching. Ask the group members to share any personal encouragement, challenge, or inspiration they received as they watched.

WRAP UP AND GO DEEPER (10 MINUTES)

Conclude by praying over your group. Review the next week's schedule on page 72 and finally close your group meeting by reading the blessing and encouragement on page 69. Remind them to read the passage and complete the studies before the next session. Close in prayer.

EMBRACING THE *Purpose* OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P REVIEW THE VIDEO BEFORE YOUR MEETING and complete all the written exercises in this guide. Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials. Remember also to pray for the participants who will be attending.

SESSION OUTLINE (60 MINUTES)

REVIEW OF PRE-SESSION BIBLE STUDY (15 MINUTES)

Welcome any new participants, and then refer the group to their notes on pages 74–84. As time allows, have one member share the facts he or she drew from each verse (Step 2). Then have several different members share the following:

- The lessons they learned from each verse (Step 3).
- The most meaningful question they wrote out in response to Step 4, citing the verse on which the question was based.
- Their outstanding takeaway in Step 5.

VIDEO TEACHING (15 MINUTES)

Watch the teaching video for session 5. Refer the group members to page 87 and remind them there is space to take notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION (17 MINUTES)

Refer to the Group Discussion questions on page 88 to stimulate discussion on the topics presented during the video teaching. Ask the group members to share any personal encouragement, challenge, or inspiration they received as they watched.

WRAP UP AND GO DEEPER (10 MINUTES)

Conclude by praying over your group. Review the next week's schedule on page 92 and finally close your group meeting by reading the blessing and encouragement on page 89. Remind them to read the passage and complete the studies before the next session. Close in prayer.

LIVING BY THE *Precepts* OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P REVIEW THE VIDEO BEFORE YOUR MEETING and complete all the written exercises in this guide. Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials. Remember also to pray for the participants who will be attending.

SESSION OUTLINE (60 MINUTES)

REVIEW OF PRE-SESSION BIBLE STUDY (15 MINUTES)

Welcome any new participants, and then refer the group to their notes on pages 94–104. As time allows, have one member share the facts he or she drew from each verse (Step 2). Then have several different members share the following:

- The lessons they learned from each verse (Step 3).
- The most meaningful question they wrote out in response to Step 4, citing the verse on which the question was based.
- Their outstanding takeaway in Step 5.

VIDEO TEACHING (16:30 MINUTES)

Watch the teaching video for session 6. Refer the group members to the outline on page 107 and remind them there is space to take notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION (17 MINUTES)

Refer to the Group Discussion questions on page 108 to stimulate discussion on the topics presented during the video teaching. Ask the group members to share any personal encouragement, challenge, or inspiration they received as they watched.

WRAP UP AND GO DEEPER (10 MINUTES)

Conclude by praying over your group. Review the next week's schedule on page 112 and finally close your group meeting by reading the blessing and encouragement on page 109. Remind them to read the passage and complete the studies before the next session. Close in prayer.

REFLECTING THE *Purity* OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P REVIEW THE VIDEO BEFORE YOUR MEETING and complete all the written exercises in this guide. Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials. Remember also to pray for the participants who will be attending.

SESSION OUTLINE (60 MINUTES)

REVIEW OF PRE-SESSION BIBLE STUDY (15 MINUTES)

Welcome any new participants, and then refer the group to their notes on pages 114–124. As time allows, have one member share the facts he or she drew from each verse (Step 2). Then have several different members share the following:

- The lessons they learned from each verse (Step 3).
- The most meaningful question they wrote out in response to Step 4, citing the verse on which the question was based.
- Their outstanding takeaway in Step 5.

VIDEO TEACHING (16:30 MINUTES)

Watch the teaching video for session 7. Refer the group members to page 127 and remind them there is space to take notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION (17 MINUTES)

Refer to the Group Discussion questions on page 128 to stimulate discussion on the topics presented during the video teaching. Ask the group members to share any personal encouragement, challenge, or inspiration they received as they watched.

WRAP UP AND GO DEEPER (10 MINUTES)

Conclude by praying over your group. Review the next week's schedule on page 132 and finally close your group meeting by reading the blessing and encouragement on page 129. Remind them to read the passage and complete the studies before the next session. Close in prayer.

TRUSTING IN THE *Priority* OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P REVIEW THE VIDEO BEFORE YOUR MEETING and complete all the written exercises in this guide. Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials. Remember also to pray for the participants who will be attending.

SESSION OUTLINE (60 MINUTES)

REVIEW OF PRE-SESSION BIBLE STUDY (15 MINUTES)

Welcome any new participants, and then refer the group to their notes on pages 134–144. As time allows, have one member share the facts he or she drew from each verse (Step 2). Then have several different members share the following:

- The lessons they learned from each verse (Step 3).
- The most meaningful question they wrote out in response to Step 4, citing the verse on which the question was based.
- Their outstanding takeaway in Step 5.

VIDEO TEACHING (21:30 MINUTES)

Watch the teaching video for session 8. Refer the group members to page 132 and remind them there is space to take notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION (17 MINUTES)

Refer to the Group Discussion questions on page 148 to stimulate discussion on the topics presented during the video teaching. Ask the group members to share any personal encouragement, challenge, or inspiration they received as they watched.

WRAP UP AND GO DEEPER (10 MINUTES)

Conclude by praying over your group. Take the opportunity to meet again soon to discuss some of the new things the Holy Spirit is teaching you.

Pray too for each other to effectively share with people outside the group about who the Holy Spirit is: Jesus in me. And in you.