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Growing in Faith and Purpose

A WOMAN OF SALT BIBLE STUDY

PARTICIPANT GUIDE • SESSION THREE PREVIEW

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For church leaders, women's ministry directors, and Bible study coordinators.

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Session Three | Thirsting for the Word of God

Spiritual Discipleship Stage: SPIRITUAL GROWTH
S.A.L.T. Discipleship Focus: Transformation Through Truth
Primary Biblical Case Study: David and Nathan — 2 Samuel 11–12

Central Truth: A Woman of Salt allows the inspired Word of God to teach, reprove, correct, train, mature, and equip her for faithful Christian living and service.

Central Question: Am I merely reading the Bible, or am I allowing the Bible to form my life?

Session Discipleship Statement: I thirst for God's Word and allow His truth to teach, correct, and transform me.

Session Three follows naturally from Session Two. If Jesus Christ is Lord and His Word governs our lives, then Scripture cannot remain at the edges of Christian experience. It must teach us, expose us, redirect us, train us, mature us, and equip us for faithful living.

Preparing My Heart

There is a difference between reading Scripture and being formed by Scripture. We can read a passage and gain information without allowing the truth to reach our attitudes. We can know what the Bible says and still resist its correction. We can memorize verses and still defend habits that contradict them. We can listen to sermons, attend Bible studies, and accumulate biblical knowledge without developing the teachable heart that Scripture is intended to produce.

A Woman of Salt approaches the Word differently. She comes to Scripture willing to ask:

What is true?

What is God showing me?

Where have I moved away from His truth?

What needs to change?

How should I live differently?

For what purpose is God preparing me?

The Word That Forms Us

The Word That Forms Us - Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17

Doctrine → Reproof → Correction → Instruction in Righteousness → Completion and Equipping.

The Spiritual Discipleship Progression

Doctrine → This is the right way.

Reproof → You have departed from the right way.

Correction → This is how you return to the right way.

Instruction in Righteousness → This is how you continue walking in the right way.

Completion and Equipping: God is preparing you for faithful living and good works.

Scripture performs a similar spiritual function. It shows what is true, exposes departure from truth, redirects us, trains us in faithfulness, and equips us for the life God intends.

Explore the Scripture

Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17 and reflect on how the Word of God shapes your thinking and conduct.

Exercise Two — Reproof - Read Proverbs 3:11–12

Why should God's correction not automatically be interpreted as rejection?

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Exercise Three — Correction - Read Proverbs 19:20

What attitude is necessary if correction is to produce wisdom?

_____

Exercise Four — Instruction - Read James 1:22–25

What is the difference between hearing truth and being formed by truth?

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Exercise Five — Completion - Read Ephesians 2:8–10

What relationship do you see between salvation and good works?

_____

Personal Application

Living It Out: The Word at Work in Me

Identify one current area in the options listed below where God is transforming you.

1. Doctrine — What truth is God teaching me?

_____

2. Reproof — What wrong attitude, belief, or conduct is He exposing?

_____

3. Correction — What needs to change?

_____

4. Instruction — What righteous practice do I need to begin or strengthen?

_____

5. Equipping — How could growth in this area make me more useful in serving God and others?

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Your Spiritual Discipleship Journey

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLESHIP STAGE: SPIRITUAL GROWTH

S.A.L.T. DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS: TRANSFORMATION THROUGH TRUTH

My Session Discipleship Statement

Read the statement slowly: I thirst for God's Word and allow His truth to teach, correct, and transform me.

Make It Personal

I want to thirst for God's Word because:

_____

_____

The truth God is presently using to transform me is:

_____

_____

The change I am willing to make is:

_____

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Prayer and Response

Give the Word Permission to Work

Open your Bible to 2 Timothy 3:16–17. Read it slowly.

Father, teach me what is true. Pause.

Show me where my life is out of alignment with Your Word. Pause.

Kingdom Living Challenge

SEVEN-DAY WORD FORMATION JOURNAL

Adapted from Session Three's "Between Sessions — Weekly S.A.L.T. Practice."

Choose one short Scripture passage each day. Read it slowly. Then journal through these five movements.

• TRUTH - What is God teaching me?

• MIRROR - What does this passage reveal about my thoughts, attitudes, or conduct?

• CORRECTION - Is there something I need to change?

• TRAINING - What righteous action can I practice today?

• PURPOSE: How could obedience in this area strengthen my witness or service?

My Seven-Day Practice

Day 1 | Scripture: _____

Truth / Mirror / Correction / Training / Purpose: _____

Day 2 | Scripture: _____

Truth / Mirror / Correction / Training / Purpose: _____

Day 3 | Scripture: _____

Truth / Mirror / Correction / Training / Purpose: _____

Day 4 | Scripture: _____

Truth / Mirror / Correction / Training / Purpose: _____

Day 5 | Scripture: _____

Truth / Mirror / Correction / Training / Purpose: _____

Day 6 | Scripture: _____

Truth / Mirror / Correction / Training / Purpose: _____

Day 7 | Scripture: _____

Truth / Mirror / Correction / Training / Purpose: _____

At the End of the Week

• What pattern is God showing me?

• What truth has appeared repeatedly?

• Where do I see evidence of growth?

• Where is God asking me to continue?

The Word does not merely inform a Woman of Salt. It reforms her.

Explore the full five-session study: www.ameasureofgrace.com

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