



# JANUARY 16

## SUPERNATURAL

### THE EPIC VISION



#### DINNER & COVENANT WEEK

This week we start our winter session of Life Groups with a dinner and covenant meeting, whether you are in an indoor, outdoor group or digital group. Your Life Group leaders should have contacted you by now to make sure you know the time and location of the meeting, as well as what to expect for the first evening based on COVID guidelines. If you have not heard from your Life Group leaders, please contact Stacy Sullivan at (818) 709-0113, ext. 105, and she will help you get connected.

The Life Group Covenant explains the purpose of your Life Group, clarifies the expectations for being a part of your Life Group, and explains what you are committing to for this session. Your covenant will look different based on whether you are in a digital (Zoom) group or an indoor or outdoor group.

As you prepare for your meeting, make sure to take some time to answer the questions in the study and bring them with you to your first meeting.

Finally, we are providing less space for answers on this sheet, so make sure to have a journal handy to write down your answers.

Enjoy!



#### GETTING STARTED

This week we are continuing in the new series that we started last week, “*Supernatural...Discovering Your True Identity*.” We learned that when we come to Christ something supernatural happens, and this leads to a whole new identity, power, purpose, perspective and destiny! This week we will continue to explore our new identity in Christ. Don’t forget to use your journal or extra paper as you answer these questions.

As you begin the study, take a moment to reflect on the Apostle Paul’s prayer for the Ephesian Christ-followers:

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. **Ephesians 1:17-19***

## GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

You just discovered you have won a major contest you entered, and the prize is a one-month, all-expense-paid round trip to anywhere you would like to go with 5 other friends. You can choose to travel by yacht, Learjet, or a fully-customized travel bus. Where will you go, how will you get there, and why?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1) Over the last two weekends we have been exploring our new identity in Christ. As you start this study, take some time and respond to the following questions in your journal.

- a. What would you like God to do in your life through this series? What do you want to learn? How would you like to grow and be transformed?
- b. Write your own prayer asking God to reveal your new identity in Christ more fully, so you can grow and move into the future He has for you.

2) As you think back through the last two messages in this new series, what are one or two of the top insights that you took from each one?

3) In week one of the series, Michael taught on Colossians 3:1-4. Go back and re-read these verses. Michael highlighted 4 key principles from these verses that will carry us through the entire series:

- *Christianity...Is Supernatural.*
- *This Change...Is For Everyone.*
- *This Change...Is Epic.*
- *What You Believe...Really Matters.*

- a. Which of these four is most challenging for you, and why?
- b. Which of these four is most exciting for you, and why?

4) This past weekend we focused on Ephesians 1:3-14. Take a few minutes and re-read this passage. Michael highlighted seven realities about who God is, who we are, and what happens to us when we come to Christ. Here they are:

- *Chosen*
- *Forgiven*
- *Adopted*
- *Filled*
- *Gifted*
- *Destined*
- *Loved*

- a. As you review this list and reflect on your notes from this weekend's message, which one of these seven realities is impacting you the most at this point in your life, and why?
- b. At the end of the message, Michael asked a simple question: *How Real...Are These Realities To You?* How would you answer this question?

5) Here are three more passages that speak to who we are in Christ. Read each one and jot down what they teach about who we are in Christ.

- *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*
- *1 Peter 2:9*
- *1 John 3:1-2*

6) In your journal, write down what you are most looking forward to this Life Group session.



## TOPICAL PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of each Life Group. Often those who are new to a Life Group are intimidated by praying aloud if they have never done it before. Others are so comfortable with prayer that they can take over the prayer time without meaning to. For these reasons we suggest practicing topical prayer to help your group get comfortable praying together. Here are three basic guidelines:

### **1. Focus on a Single Topic/Request at a Time**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a topic is introduced, one or two members pray for that request. Then the Life Group leader will direct the prayer time by opening it up for the next topic/request.

### **2. Pray Several Times Together**

By focusing on one topic at a time, each member has an opportunity to pray at different times for the requests they are most passionate about.

### **3. Keep Requests/Prayers Short and Simple**

By keeping both requests and prayers short and simple, everyone has a chance to share and pray. This helps those who are new to prayer feel more comfortable praying. It also helps everyone stay focused during your time of prayer together.