

Satisfied by His Love Suggested Discussion Guide

The following guide is designed for groups that meet for about 1½ hours or less.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADING THIS STUDY:

- Start the study time within 5 minutes of your scheduled beginning even if all aren't there yet. Ask a general get-acquainted question that might be related to the study that day or just to help them get to know one another. But, don't let this take too much time. For example, Lesson 2 is about the Samaritan woman drawing water from the well and giving Jesus a drink. So, I asked the ladies, "What is your favorite cup or glass? Are you more likely to drink coffee, tea, or water from it?" That turned out to be a fun question.
- Then, pray and get started on the study.
- Always read the Bible verses as directed in the book whether they have done the study at home or not. I asked specific women to read them as we got there. That saves time. It's okay to skip a few of the verses that are not the main verses for the lesson.
- You read the question aloud as written in the study and give them time to answer.
- Choose ahead of time the explanation paragraphs you will read. I called on specific women to read the chosen paragraphs. That prevents awkward silence and wasted time if you are time-crunched.
- Discuss the "Jesus Satisfies" teaching sessions (podcasts). Pull out any specific bits that you want to make sure they understand and know.
- Consider ending with a worship song. I chose a YouTube version of the song referenced in the Introduction of the book (One Thing Remains). I only played part of it because of time. You can do that through Zoom. Have it already open and ready to play before you start Bible Study. Click screen share, choose the video on your computer, check both boxes at the bottom, then click share. Mute everyone including yourself! Time delays don't make for good harmony. :)

In our hour and 15 minutes, we did not have time to talk about the readings in Luke.

INTRODUCTION

Get acquainted with each other. Ask a general question or two such as, “Share your name, where you live, and one thing you would like the group to know about you.”

Start with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you what He wants you to know in this study.

Introduce the study

- Is anyone new to the Bible? Look at pp. 1-2 “Bible Basics” and “New Testament Summary.”
- Review the religious leader groups (p. 3). They keep popping up in the study.
- Go over small group discussion guidelines (p. 4). Ask which women are okay reading aloud and remember that.
- Look up the definition of “satisfied.” Think of things that satisfy.
- Someone read Psalm 103:2-5 (see bottom of page 16). These verses are the foundation for the study.
- Walk through Lesson 1, showing how it is arranged. Each lesson in this study covers 1-2 women who knew Jesus. Tell them they can find the podcasts on any podcast provider but especially on my website at melanienevton.com/satisfied-heart.
- Ask for any questions.

Close in prayer and a worship song.

Recommendation: Listen to a worship song such as “One Thing Remains,” which fits very well with this study. See page 6.

LESSON 1: A WOMAN NEEDING COMPASSION

Always read the Bible verses as directed in the book whether they have done the study at home or not. Ask specific women to read them as you get there. Choose ahead of time the explanation paragraphs to be read aloud as you proceed through the discussion. My recommendations are below.

Start with prayer.

The Need to Be Satisfied

- Ask for comments. Read the last paragraph (starts bottom of page 7).
- Ask 2 questions.

The God Who Satisfies

- Read Psalm 107:4-9.
- Ask 2 questions. Read 2 paragraphs that follow.

Connecting with New Testament women

- Ask what they learned as they read about the women back then.
- Ask 2 questions. Did you realize how much you have in common with them? Read paragraph that follows on page 10.

A Woman's Need for Compassion

- Read quote and paragraph that follows. Ask question.
- Don't read the verses on p. 11. Just ask the questions.
- Review—teaching truth is showing compassion as well as feeding people. Miracles demonstrate God's compassion for His people.

A Little Bit of History

- Read 2 paragraphs.
- Read Luke 7:11-17. Ask questions. Read two paragraphs after questions.

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- Read last sentence of first paragraph. Read the rest of this section except for quote.
- Ask question (p. 14). Encourage people to share so that you can pray for those specific hurts.

Jesus Satisfies Your Heart with Compassion podcast

- Discuss the podcast. Read last paragraph on page 16. Highlight anything else you want them to know.
- Ask "Reflect" question.
- *Optional, if time: ask what they learned from Luke 1-4.*
- Pray. Use prayer prompts on p. 18 and remember hurts already expressed.

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LESSON 2: A WOMAN NEEDING TRUTH

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Get acquainted: Ask, "What is your favorite cup or glass? Are you more likely to drink coffee, tea, or water from it?"

Start with prayer. Read verse for lesson at the top of the page.

A Little Bit of History

- Ask what they learned about the Samaritans. How are they like people today who know half-truths?
- Read last paragraph. Don't read John 2:25 but ask the question.

Samantha

- Read John 4:4-15. Ask questions and read the paragraph.
- Don't read John 7:37-39 but ask the question.
- Read the paragraph about living water.
- Read John 4:16-26. Ask the questions that follow.
- Read the paragraph on page 23.
- Read John 4:27-30.
- Ask questions.
- Read John 4:39-42. Ask questions.
- Read paragraphs that follow questions (page 24).
- Read John 6:40. Ask question.
- Read John 14:6. Ask question.

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- Read paragraphs.
- Ask if anyone wants to share their answer to the question that follows.

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- Ask for questions or comments about the podcast teaching. Highlight what you want them to know.
- Ask "Reflect" question.
- *Optional, if time: ask what they learned from Luke 5-8.*
- Pray. Use prayer prompts and remember needs already expressed.

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LESSON 3: A WOMAN NEEDING FORGIVENESS

Always read the Bible verses as directed in the book whether they have done the study at home or not. Ask specific women to read them as you get there. Choose ahead of time the explanation paragraphs to be read aloud as you proceed through the discussion. My recommendations are below.

Get acquainted: Ask, "What is your favorite fragrance?"

Start with prayer.

Read verse for lesson at the top of the page.

A Little Bit of History

- Skip the first paragraph and read the rest.
- Ask for comments.

Emma

- Read Luke 7:36-40. Ask for questions about the Pharisees.
- Ask first question and the paragraph that follows it.
- Ask 4 questions about Emma and the paragraph that follows.
- Read Luke 7:40-50.
- Ask 3 questions about Simon and the paragraphs that follow. What do you think about the statement, "Your capacity to love is directly tied to your capacity to get how deeply you have been forgiven?"
- Ask 4 questions about Emma and the paragraph that follows.

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- Read paragraphs.
- Read Hebrews 10:22. Ask question. Anyone want to share about learning to forgive yourself.

Jesus Satisfies Your Heart with Forgiveness

- Any comments or questions about the podcast teaching? Highlight what you want them to know.
- Ask "Reflect" question.
- *Optional, if time: ask what they learned from Luke 9-12.*
- Pray. Use prayer prompts and remember needs already expressed.

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LESSON 4: A WOMAN NEEDING HOPE

Always read the Bible verses as directed in the book whether they have done the study at home or not. Ask specific women to read them as you get there. Choose ahead of time the explanation paragraphs to be read aloud as you proceed through the discussion. My recommendations are below.

Get acquainted: Ask them to recall a time when waiting for something was worth it.

Start with prayer.

Read verse for lesson at the top of the page.

A Little Bit of History

- Skip the paragraphs.
- Read Mark 5:21-24. Ask question.

Dottie

- Read Mark 5:25-29. Ask 3 questions about Dottie. Highlight her options for treatments at the time.
- Read the paragraphs that follow.
- Ask the “put yourself in her shoes” question.
- Read Mark 5:30-34. Ask 4 questions. Read paragraphs that follow.

Talitha

- Read Luke 8:41-42. Read 2 paragraphs that follow.
- Ask 2 questions. Read paragraph that follows. Ruler of the synagogue is similar to today’s executive pastor.
- Read Mark 5:35-43. Ask 2 questions. Read paragraph that follows.
- Ask rest of questions about Talitha. Read 3 paragraphs that follow.

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- Read the middle paragraph.
- Ask question.

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- Any comments or questions about the podcast teaching? Highlight what you want them to know.
- Ask “Reflect” question.
- *Optional, if time: ask what they learned from Luke 13-16.*
- Pray. Use prayer prompts and remember needs already expressed.

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LESSON 5: A WOMAN NEEDING FREEDOM

Always read the Bible verses as directed in the book whether they have done the study at home or not. Ask specific women to read them as you get there. Choose ahead of time the explanation paragraphs to be read aloud as you proceed through the discussion. My recommendations are below.

Get acquainted: Ask them to recall a time when they felt freedom from something.

Start with prayer.

Read verse for lesson at the top of the page.

A Little Bit of History

- Ask for comments or questions.

Mary Magdalene

- Read Luke 8:1-3. Ask question and read paragraph that follows. The women might have heard that Mary Magdalene had been immoral. This helps to correct that.
- Ask 3 questions about Mary and the women and the paragraphs that follow the questions.
- Skip reading Matthew 17 and Luke 24 verses (page 61) but ask the question and read the paragraph that follows. Emphasizing the range of emotions she experienced that week.
- Read Matthew 27:55-61. Ask question that follows.
- Read Luke 23:55-24:1. Ask question. Skip the paragraph that follows.
- Read Matthew 28:1-10. Ask questions.
- Read John 20:1-9. Skip paragraph. Ask question.
- Read John 20:10-18. Ask questions. Skip the paragraphs unless you have time to read them.
- Read quote after the last question (page 65).

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- Read 2 paragraphs.
- Ask question that follows.

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- Any comments or questions about the podcast teaching? Highlight difference between living by law and living by grace and anything else you want them to know.
- Ask "Reflect" question.
- *Optional, if time: ask what they learned from Luke 17-20.*
- Pray. Use prayer prompts and remember needs already expressed.

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LESSON 6: TWO WOMEN NEEDING ASSURANCE OF LOVE

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Get acquainted: Ask them to recall a time when they felt freedom from something.

Start with prayer.

Read verses for lesson at the top of the page.

A Little Bit of History

- Ask for comments or questions.

Luke 10:38-42

- Read Luke 10:38-42
- Ask 5 questions. Skip paragraph.

John 11:1-46

- Read John 11:1-6. Read paragraph and ask question.
- Read John 11:17-27. Ask first question. Skip paragraph.
- Ask rest of questions and read the paragraph that follows.
- Read John 11:28-37. Ask 3 questions. Read that last part of the paragraph that follows.
- Read John 11:38-45. Skip paragraph. Ask 4 questions and read paragraph at the end.

John 12:1-11.

- Read John 12:1-11. Ask questions.
- Read Mark 14:6-9. Ask 3 questions. Skip the paragraph if running short of time.

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- Read paragraphs and ask 2 questions.

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- Any comments or questions about the podcast teaching? Highlight you want them to know.
- Read the four truths together.
- *Optional, if time: ask what they learned from Luke 21-24.*
- Pray. Use prayer prompts and remember needs already expressed.

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