

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.
- You read the question aloud as written in the study and give them time to answer. Or let each one read a question and answer it.
- 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

If you choose to have an introductory session before Lesson One, this is a suggested format.

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.
- 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 melanienewton.com/satisfied-heart.
- Ask for any questions.

The Need to Be Satisfied (pages 7-8)

- Read the definition of "satisfied." Think of things that satisfy.
- Read italicized sentence.
- Read through the paragraphs on pages 7 and 8. Ask question at the top of page 8.
- Someone read Psalm 103:2-5 (see bottom of page 16). These verses are the foundation for the study.

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.

Start with prayer. Read Bible verse at top of page 7.

The Need to Be Satisfied (if you didn't cover this in an Introduction session)

- Read the definition of "satisfied." Think of things that satisfy. Read italicized sentence.
- Reader: Read the paragraphs on pages 7 and 8.
- Ask question at the top of page 8.

The God Who Satisfies

- Reader: Psalm 107:4-9 and answer 2 questions.
- Reader: Psalm 103:2-5 and answer 2 questions.
- Reader: Paragraph that follows questions on page 9.

Connecting with New Testament women

- Take turns reading the paragraphs.
- Ask 2 questions. Did you realize how much you have in common with them? Read paragraph that follows on top of page 11.

A Woman's Need for Compassion

- Read quote and paragraph that follows. Ask question and read paragraph.
- Readers: Read the verses and answer the questions. Read next paragraph.

A Little Bit of History

- Reader: the 2 paragraphs.
- Reader: Luke 7:11-17. You ask the "put yourself in" questions. Take turns answering the other questions. Read two paragraphs after questions (page 13).

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- Readers: Read the paragraphs and the quote.
- Ask question (page 14). Pray for those specific hurts.

Jesus Satisfies Your Heart with Compassion podcast

- What grabbed their attention from the podcast teaching? Highlight what you want them to know
- Ask "Reflect" question. *If time: ask what they learned from Luke 1-4.*
- Pray. Use prayer prompts on p. 17 and remember hurts already expressed.

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LESSON 2: A WOMAN NEEDING TRUTH

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.

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

- Read about the Samaritans. How are they like people today who know half-truths?
- Read John 2:24-25 and ask the question.

Samantha

- Read John 4:4-15. Ask questions and read the paragraph.
- Read John 7:37-39 and ask the question. Read the paragraph about living water.
- Read John 4:16-26. Ask the questions that follow. Read the paragraphs between the questions.
- Read John 4:27-30. Ask questions.
- Read John 4:39-42. Ask questions. Read paragraphs that follow questions.
- 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.

Jesus Satisfies Your Heart with Truth

- What grabbed their attention from 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.

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

- Divided reading—Read Luke 7:36-40. Read about the Pharisees.
- Ask first question. Read 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 on page 38 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 next 4 questions. Read the paragraph that follows.

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- Read paragraphs.
- Read Hebrews 10:22. Ask question. Ask if anyone wants to share about learning to forgive yourself.

Jesus Satisfies Your Heart with Forgiveness

- What grabbed their attention from 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.

Recommendation: Listen to a worship song such as "Amazing Love (You Are My King)," which fits very well with this study.

LESSON 4: TWO WOMEN 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.

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

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

Dottie

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

Talitha

- Read Mark 5:22-23 and the paragraphs that follow.
- Read Luke 8:41-42. 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 paragraph that follows.
- Read Psalm 56:3-4. Ask question and read paragraphs.

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- Read paragraphs.
- Ask question.

Jesus Satisfies Your Heart with Hope

- What grabbed their attention from 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.

Recommendation: Listen to a worship song such as “Be Unto Your Name,” which fits very well with this study. See page 6.

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.

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

- Read about Magdala.

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.
- Read Matthew 17 and Luke 24 verses. Ask the question and read the paragraph that follows. Emphasize 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. Read the paragraph that follows.
- Read Matthew 28:1-10. Ask questions, reading the additional verses in the first question.
- Read John 20:1-9. Read paragraph. Ask question.
- Read John 20:10-18. Ask questions. Read the paragraphs if you have time.
- Read quote after the last question (page 67).

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- Read 2 paragraphs.
- Ask question that follows.

Jesus Satisfies Your Heart with Freedom

- What grabbed their attention from 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.

Recommendation: Listen to a worship song such as "Amazing Love (You Are My King)," which fits very well with this study. See page 6.

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

- Skip the first paragraph. Read the second one.

Luke 10:38-42

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

John 11:1-46

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

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.

Jesus Satisfies Your Heart with Assurance of His love

- What grabbed their attention from the podcast teaching? Highlight what 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.

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