



UNFINISHED | LAUNCH WEEK

SMALL GROUP STUDY | LEADER NOTES & SCRIPT for ZOOM GROUPS

PRE- MEETING NOTES

DOWNLOAD WEEK 1 VIDEO FROM VIMEO: <https://vimeo.com/751075082>

- Best practice for sharing on Zoom is to download this video from Vimeo, and play/share it from your device. Sharing directly from Vimeo or Youtube can cause extra latency issues on other peoples screens.
- In an emergency you can screen share from vimeo or youtube: <https://youtu.be/3jwxTdwXCx0>

PRE-MEETING: Setup your zoom meeting and desktop space 30min prior to group, to make sure everything works. Meet with your team 15min prior, to pray and test share your content.

ABOUT BREAKOUT GROUPS: See Norm's "[Zoom Tips](#)" document for best practices on breakout rooms if you think you will have more than 15 zoom squares joining you.

UNFINISHED PRAYER: Hosts please have your unfinished prayer written out ahead of time to share at the end of the session. See the notes at the end for an explanation.

MEETING FLOW

7:00 pm – As Guests Arrive

- Note: Zoom Host's welcome guests and connect with people.
- Note: Consider asking opener questions like "What was the highlight of your week?", "What did you get out of Gene's message this weekend?", or others.
- Note: Make sure to remind people to "Please grab a piece of paper and something to write with, you will need that towards the end of our time here tonight."

7:10 pm – Lead Makes Opening Comments

- Explain the WHO: Introduce your team.
- Explain the WHAT: This zoom experience will have group discussions and ideo presentations, (and small group breakouts if needed)
- Explain the HOW: For the best zoom experience, members should do the following if they can and are comfortable doing so...
 - o Put your Zoom in Gallery View, not Speaker View so you can see everyone
 - o Type your Full Name or Couples Names in your Zoom square
 - o Turn your video camera on so we can see each other and connect
 - o Mute your mic when not speaking so background noise doesn't interfere
 - o If you need any help with zoom or have questions, drop a note in chat and our tech will help you out. (If you have a tech)

7:15 pm – First Group Discussion: Make some connections

- Before we jump into the video for tonight, we just wanted everyone to have a chance to connect and introduce themselves.
- **(OPTION 1 – WITHOUT BREAKOUT ROOMS)** So we have two questions we want to give everyone a chance to answer. First, **“how long have you attended Eastside?”** and second, **“How did you find out about Eastside to begin with?”** I’ll share first and then give everyone a chance to answer. (Host share their story - then invite others, by name, to answer. If you don’t call names, you will have to deal with lots of awkward silence as you wait for others to share)
- **(OPTION 2 - WITH BREAKOUT ROOMS)** So we’re going to breakout into smaller groups of 8 or more, and give everyone a chance to answer two questions. First, **“how long have you attended Eastside?”** and second, **“How did you find out about Eastside to begin with?”** Once we’re in our breakout groups, I’ll ask your discussion leader to share first to get the ball rolling. So (tech name) go ahead and break us out into our groups, and we will see you back here in ten minutes! (Discussion leaders share their story - then invite others, by name, to answer. If you don’t call names, you will have to deal with lots of awkward silence as you wait for others to share)

7:25 pm - Meeting Overview

- I love hearing about how Eastsider’s found their way here, and thank you everyone for maybe stepping out of your comfort zone to connect with each other! Now let me give you a little heads up on this Unfinished Series that’s about to happen.
- **WHY:** This coming weekend we will embark together on the biggest initiative in Eastside’s history which is the result of several years of dreaming, preparing, and strategizing. As a church we are all on this journey together! We are Unfinished people, with unfinished stories. And I’m so glad we get to be a part of this historic moment for our church
- **FORMAT:** Now going forward, each week we’re going to start at 7 pm. We will watch a video that aligns with the weekend series, followed by some discussion. We will end no later than 8:15pm as we want to respect your time.
- **VIDEO SET UP:** Right now we’re going to watch our first video! We’re going to hear from Gene as he shares about the value of community. And side note, for some people, turning off your zoom camera can help the video stream a little clearer. So feel free to do that as we get this video rolling. (SHARE VIDEO)

7:30 pm - **VIDEO: COMMUNITY** (10min)

7:40 pm - Group Discussion

- Well thank you Gene for sharing with us!
- **(OPTION 1 – WITHOUT BREAKOUT ROOMS)** Like Gene mentioned, let's move forward by sharing the answer to this question: **What is the most significant spiritual moment you've experienced at Eastside?** This might be something a little challenging for some of us to share as we dig deep, but it's a good challenge! I'll answer this first to give you some time to think about your own answer. (Host share their story - then invite others, by name, to answer. If you don't call names, you will have to deal with lots of awkward silence as you wait for others to share)
- **(OPTION 2 - WITH BREAKOUT ROOMS)** So we're going to breakout into smaller groups again, and like Gene encouraged us, let's share the answer to this question: **What is the most significant spiritual moment you've experienced at Eastside?** This might be something a little challenging for some of us to share as we dig deep, but it's a good challenge! Once we're in our groups, your discussion leader will share first to give you some time to think about your own answer. So (tech name) go ahead and break us out into our groups, and we will see you back here in ten minutes! (Discussion leaders share their answer - then invite others, by name, to answer. If you don't call names, you will have to deal with lots of awkward silence as you wait for others to share)

7:50 pm – Bible Verse & Quick Discussion

- Thank you again everyone for stepping out to share something about yourself that is incredibly personal and meaningful. God has moved in our lives in some great ways and we don't get many opportunities to hear those. That was really special
- I'd like to read the bible verse that Gene mentioned in the video. It's the one about the early church. **Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."**
- One of the four actions the early church devoted themselves to was Fellowship, or community. So here's a question for the group: **Why do you think God wants us to live in community?**
- You're all used to talking on zoom now so I won't call on anyone, but I would love to hear from anyone who feels they have an answer. **Why do you think God wants us to live in community?**
- *(Pause and wait for answers. Feel free to take one to three answers and affirm and respond to people as they give them.)*
- Well thanks for sharing friends. And congratulations everyone, because tonight, we are aligning with God's word, and aligning with the early church as we come together in this group for fellowship. And we're just getting started.

- If you're on the fence about committing to this group going forward, I encourage you to keep coming back. The longer you're here, the better connections you can make with other Eastsider's as you get to know each other. And many long time Eastsiders can tell you that some of these friendships you make become life long friends. It's worth the investment of time!

7:55 pm – Prayer Response

- As Gene mentioned, we want to encourage everyone...as we're just getting started on this Unfinished journey...to take a moment to write out our own Unfinished Prayer.
- So In just a moment, not yet, we will take a 3 minute intermission. During this intermission, you can grab your piece of paper and something to write with if you haven't already. But here's what Gene asked you to do...
- Write out your unfinished prayer starting with this phrase, **“My Unfinished prayer is....”**
- And then prayerfully ask this question before you complete that sentence or short paragraph. Ask, **“God, what can I do for Jesus to honor his work in this word and in my life?”** Let me repeat that, **“God, what can I do for Jesus to honor his work in this word and in my life?”**
- So go ahead and take 3 minutes to write out your unfinished prayer with that question in mind. Afterward, we will come back together, and I'll give some of you a chance to share your prayer with the group. So go ahead and take that time now.
- (Host set a timer for 3 Minutes - let people write out their prayers. When time is up...)
- Alright, let's come back to the zoom room friends, if you're still writing yours that's okay. You can keep doing that. I'll start off by reading my Unfinished prayer.
- (Host share your unfinished prayer. Then call on your co-host or tech to share their unfinished prayer. After you and co-host have both shared, say...)
- Would anyone else be willing to share their prayer with us? (Let it be silent for a moment if need-be, until one or more share. Respond to and affirm those that do share.)
- Well those are some amazing prayers, thank you for sharing your heart with us friends.

8:05 pm – Wrap Up

- Before we wrap up our time together, there's one thing I wanted to let you know. If you're on a physical campus this weekend, you will be able to get your Unfinished small group booklet, that we will use for the rest of our small group meetings. If you're not able to get to a campus, we will share a digital version of this booklet so you can print it at home! So everyone will be able to have it.
- Let me pray for us before I let you go. (Host close in prayer for the group)

- Thank you for joining tonight everyone, I look forward to seeing you next week! Me and my co-host will stick around if you have questions or want to discuss something, otherwise, we will see you next week!
- (Hang out and discuss while people exit the zoom.)

8:10/15 pm – Done!