



Intro:

## **Living on Target Starts Here**

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Welcome to the first session of the Living on Target Workshop. This small group experience will help you grow in your love and service to Christ, your home, your church, and the world. In this session, we will begin by sharing our stories. Your story is a unique testament to how God has been working in your life, and it serves as a powerful testimony of His grace and love. Sharing your story gives others the opportunity to know you better, opening the door to essential friendships in a Christian's life.

We encourage you to embrace openness, transparency, and honesty as you narrate your story. Feel free to share according to your comfort level, and don't hesitate to reveal both your challenges and victories. We are here to listen, support, and pray for each other. We also ask you to be respectful, attentive, and compassionate as you listen to others' stories. We are here to learn, grow, and encourage each other.

We have approximately 60 minutes for this session, so we must be mindful of the time. Depending on the number of people in your group, you may have between 7 to 10 minutes to share your story. Please try to stick to the time limit so that everyone will have a chance to share. It is very important that we hear from each person in this session as it will set the foundation for the rest of the sessions.

The goal of our five-week session is to help you develop friendships to share the experience of spiritual discovery. When we share our stories, others can see how God is at work in our lives. We hope that you will enjoy this session, and we look forward to hearing your story.



## Agenda:

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### **01: Pray (Leader) - 5 Mins**

Ask God to open the hearts of group members as they share their stories.

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### **02: Read - 5 Mins**

**Participant 1:** “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Revelation 12:11

- **Leader:** This verse shows the incredible power of our testimony. The story of how Jesus has saved us is a weapon that conquers the enemy.

**Participant 2:** “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” - 1 Peter 3:15

- **Leader:** This verse tells us to set apart God in our hearts and to always be ready to share our hope in Christ with anyone who inquires, with humility and reverence.
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### **03: Reflect (Leader) - 5 Mins**

- Sharing your testimony is a powerful way to overcome the enemy and glorify God. You don't need to have a perfect story or a perfect life. Your openness, humility, and confidentiality will help set the tone for these discussions as a safe space.
  - Your testimony is not only about you but also about the hope that you have in Christ. You are not alone in your struggles and your victories. Others can relate to you and can be encouraged by you. As you share your story, you are also inviting others to share theirs. Your story will encourage theirs!
  - Your testimony is a divine gift, intended for God's glory and the encouragement of others. There's no need for fear or shame regarding your story. God has endowed you with your unique voice and perspective and His purpose for your story is His glory.
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**04: Respond: (All Participants) 60 Mins**

**Tell Your Story!**

Main Points:

- Summarize your life journey up to this point
- Describe a challenge in your life, and how it made you feel
- Share an example of when you have seen God move in your life

Other Points:

- What was your life like before and after you accepted Him?
- How has God helped you overcome a challenge or a struggle?
- How did your faith grow through that experience?
- How has God blessed you or answered your prayers in a specific way?
- How did that impact your relationship with Him and others?
- How do you see God working in your life right now?
- What areas do you want to grow in or learn more about?

After each person shares their story, ask someone in the group to pray for that person.

- Thank God for giving this person the courage to tell their story
- Thank God for His work in their story
- Ask God for His blessing in their life

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**05: The Rhythm of Reconciliation**

**Be Reconciled To God**

- Find a quiet place in your home to spend with God. Make a new habit of meeting with Him daily during this workshop.
- Consider fasting from secular music and media. Replacing it with worship music that glorifies God and encourages intimacy with him.
- In your time with God, ask Him to show you areas where you are not reconciled to Him. The “asking” part is important. After you ask then wait and listen for His response.

**Pursue Reconciliation With Others:**

- In your time with God, ask Him to show you the relationships in your life that need to be reconciled.



**06: React**

For next week

- Review the Rhythm of Reconciliation and implement the ideas
  - Commit to praying through the Lord's prayer for the next seven days
  - Begin implementing the reconciliation elements from Section 5 above
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**07: Read Ahead**

- Living on Target Chapter 3: Living in Love and Service to Christ
- Workbook Session 2: Living in Love and Service to Christ