GROUP GUIDE

Start at Home

From the message on Genesis 1:28 · Genesis 2:15 · Matthew 25:14–30

THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF

The first place God put human beings wasn't a battlefield or a boardroom. It was a home, a garden to work and keep. In the parable of the talents, the servant who buried what he'd been given lost everything, and we often bury what matters most at home because it feels too ordinary to count. The Window Exercise makes it concrete: stand outside your own home and look through your own window at your actual life. Susanna Wesley gave each of her nineteen children an uninterrupted hour every week, and never knew that kitchen-table faithfulness would ripple out to more than eighty million people. Purpose doesn't prove itself on a stage. It proves itself at home first.

READ

> **GENESIS 2:15** *"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."*
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> **MATTHEW 25:21** *"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much."*

Also read: Matthew 25:14–30 · Genesis 1:28. **From the book:** *Your Life Signature*, chapters 3 and 11.

OPEN UP

Describe your kitchen table or living room on a normal weeknight. Who's there, and what's actually happening?

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Where are you most tempted to think something doesn't count unless it's big, seen or celebrated?
2. Susanna Wesley had no idea her faithfulness at home would matter as much as it did. Who in your life might be shaped by something you're doing right now that feels too small to matter?

GET HONEST

3. Picture standing outside your own home tonight, looking in through the window. What do you notice about your life from the outside? If you live alone, who could you invite in?
4. What's one concrete way you could invest in the people closest to you this week, instead of waiting for a bigger opportunity?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank you for the people already closest to us. Let each person's Life Signature take root first at home, before it ever needs an audience. Help us not to bury what you've given us because it feels small. Thank you that our purpose was never something to invent, only something to find. Amen.

THIS WEEK

- **Do the Window Exercise.** Stand outside your home for two minutes and look in. Then write down one person you'll invest in this week: _____.
- **Read the Bible together.** Start the 5-day Bible plan *Your Life Signature: Find Your God-Given Purpose* in the Bible App and invite your group as friends, so you read the same day and can see each other's reflections. bible.com/reading-plans/79882
- **Pick one practice.** Block time on your calendar for the people nearest you, say yes when someone close asks for your time, or check on someone who's easy to overlook.

This guide stands on its own, so anyone who missed Sunday can join in. Use the questions that fit your group and skip the rest. Never make anyone share their written answers out loud.

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