



Thank you for accessing ***THE LIFE: Embracing the Life of a Christ-Follower***. Our prayer is that this study helps your teenagers know what it means to live as authentic followers of Jesus.

**So, you're ready to get started teaching.** This guide will help you understand how to utilize all the amazing resources "*The LIFE*" has to offer. **Let's get started!**

### *What's In This Folder?*

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- A **Lesson** folder where you will find your Leader Guides with Bible Background (PDF and Word)
- A **Parent Pages** folder where you will find a Parent Page (PDF and Word)
- A **Student Devotions** folder where you will find 3 devotions per week (JPG and Word)
- A **Promo/PowerPoint** folder where you will find
  - 2 Web banners for your blog, website, or Facebook page
  - 1 printable poster
  - 4 PowerPoint background slides
- A **Social Media Guide** folder where you will find a 1-page guide of suggested tweets, Instagram, and/or Facebook posts to help you generate interest and feedback through your personal or youth ministry's social media channels.

### *Looking At Your LIFE Leader Guides*

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The Leader Guides for *The LIFE* combine deep, meaningful Bible study with relevant, creative activities. You'll find these lessons to be easy to follow and easy to teach.

Each Leader Guide is broken down into the following sections:

- **Teacher Prep Videos**—Short, straightforward videos designed to help you prepare to teach the lesson
- **Bible Background**—An easy-to-digest snapshot of the specific passage's context and main biblical truth. Use this to help prepare to teach your lesson.
- **The Lead In**—An interactive, thematic intro to the lesson
- **The Main Event**—An inductive, interactive Bible study designed to walk your students through a specific passage
- **The Last Word**—A final activity allowing you to really hone-in on the lesson's application

### *Using Your LIFE Parent Pages*

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We've equipped *The LIFE* with Parent Pages. We know how important parents are when it comes to discipleship. We want to equip you to bring your students' parents into the loop on what their children are studying.

In your Parent Pages folder, you will find folders with both Word documents and PDF files of resources to send to your students' parents. Every lesson has a Letter to Parents in both Word and PDF formats.

### **Suggested Uses:**

- Email the PDF if you want a high quality presentation and aren't concerned about customizing the message.
  - You could also link to the PDF from your church's website, or youth ministry blog.
- Use the Word file if you want to add some customization.
  - Feel free to cut and paste all or some of it into the body of a personal email, or letter.

- Even better, cut and paste parts of it into your church's newsletter or bulletin.

## *Using Your LIFE Student Devotions*

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You can't get enough of God's Word. That's why every *LIFE* lesson features five devotions.

Your *LIFE* curriculum comes with **digital devotions** that can be utilized through the electronic means of your choice.

- You'll see three devotions for each lesson, located in the Student Devotion folder.
  - The folder inside your Student Devotion folder marked JPG contains a *more visual version* of the Student Devotions suitable for viewing in a digital environment.
  - Post them on Instagram or Facebook. Include a prayer or some follow up questions.
  - Link them on your personal blog and instruct students to go download them.
  - Display them on your Church's website. Encourage students and parents to go over them at home.

## *Using Your LIFE Promotional Art & PowerPoint Backgrounds*

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The *LIFE* comes with some really cool promotional art to spread the word about your study including:

- A couple of different web banners for use on your Church's site or your youth group's Facebook™ page
- A printable promotional poster to hang in your youth room or around your church
- **HELPFUL HINT:** Consider taking the poster to a local printer and having them professionally printed.

The *LIFE* comes with a set of three slide backgrounds.

- The slides were designed to allow you to craft your own PowerPoint, ProPresenter, or Keynote slideshow.
- Simply use them as the Background for your slideshow.
- Customize a slideshow to help you facilitate the lesson.
- **TIP:** Consider starting your slideshow with the lesson's Title, the lesson's Objective, and the lesson's Scripture Focus. You can copy and paste these from the Lesson Overview at the beginning of each lesson.

## *Using Your LIFE Social Media Guide*

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Social media plays a big role in our lives. In order to make it easier to communicate with your students via social media before, during, and after your time spent studying *The LIFE*, we've given you a *Social Media Guide*. The guide comes complete with:

- A variety of phrases written in *less than 140 characters* making them ideal for Twitter, Facebook, or texting.
- Pre- and Post-lesson messages to create excitement and drive home application
- Messages to generate feedback for you
- Key Bible verses from the lessons
- **Instructions on how to utilize the suggested content**

We thank you for choosing **YM360** to meet your youth ministry resource needs. If there's anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to call.