

Using this guide

Welcome to the small group discussion guide for *Your Unfinished Business: Find God in Your Circumstances, Serve Others in Theirs*. This guide will help you dig deeper into the book's ideas.

Here's how you can make the most of the experience:

What's said in the small group stays in the small group. Sharing personal thoughts can be an experience in vulnerability, so help each other by keeping confidences (within legal boundaries of course).

Not everyone will say much. Sometimes, someone may want to listen more than speak, so don't create expectations that everyone has to speak all the time.

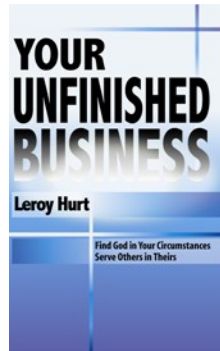
But don't monopolize the discussion either. At times silence can be a useful time for people to think things through.

If you're leading the discussion:

The guide progresses from awareness to application, beginning with awareness activities to warm-up and culminating with practical application.

This guide refers to the New American Standard translation for consistency with the book.

Feel free to tailor the material to the needs of the group.



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What's the book about? The number one question we have to answer is how to integrate faith and ideals into daily living. And the number one challenge for leaders is how to help people answer that question.

Our unfinished business too often seems a matter of figuring out what to do with our lives when it should be about fulfilling what we know our purpose to be. Stewardship as a way of life is how we can get from one to the other, and stewardship of our circumstances is the starting point.

Stewardship of our circumstances isn't only about what we do with our money, although that's what we often hear. Nor is it about positive thinking. Instead, it's how we integrate our faith and ideals into daily living, turning our circumstances into tools working toward a greater good. And that greater good is to turn them into beacons directing others to the God who calls everyone to Himself.

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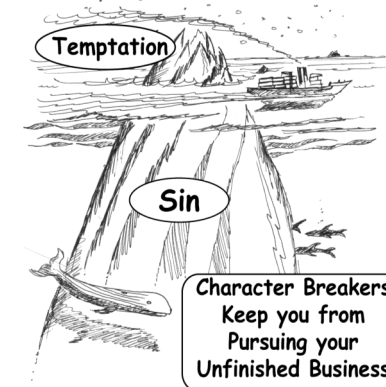
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

***YOUR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
FIND GOD IN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES,
SERVE OTHERS IN THEIRS***

Chapter 3 BOASTS and character breakers



Consider

“Unconventional warfare operations are conducted in enemy or enemy controlled territory by predominately indigenous personnel usually supported and directed in varying degrees by an external source.”

US Army Field Manual 31-21, *Guerrilla Warfare and Special Operations*

“Because of logistical and manpower limitations, guerrillas must never directly confront a large, organized, superior military force in pitched battle...If the guerrilla force is threatened by a superior enemy, it withdraws.”

Scott Wimberly, *Special Forces Guerrilla Warfare Manual*

Why would guerrilla fighters employ hit-and-run tactics against a superior enemy?

What does the phrase “Choose your battles wisely” mean to you? In what ways have you chosen your battles wisely?

Understand

Read the key verse below.

What are the alternatives to fleeing from temptation and sin? Are any of the alternatives the right ones for specific situations?

How can running away become an opportunity to boast in God?

Follow up:

Read I Timothy 6:9-12. What does Paul mean when he first says, “Flee from these things” in verse 11 and then says, “Fight the good fight of faith” in verse 12?

Read II Timothy 2:20-26. What are the positive results of fleeing “youthful lusts”?

How are “flee” and “fight” like a guerrilla fighter’s mindset?

Apply

“The good that comes about is your ability to tell others how God rescued you from those situations. However, it’s better not to get into those situations in the first place because even though God can pull you out of those dire straits, you can’t erase the consequences of going down those paths.”

- Chapter 3

Know your enemy: What is the strong force you face in this world?

In the face of temptation and sin, how can you be like the guerrilla fighter?

What areas of your life will you change so you can avoid character breakers?

How will you help others avoid character breakers?

How can you inspire others to be like guerrilla fighters?

Before your group meets:

Read the Character Breakers (Temptation and Sin) sections of Chapter 3, pp. 51–67

Key verse. *Flee* immorality (I Corinthians 6:18, NASB); *Flee* from idolatry (I Corinthians 10:14).