

Small Group Discussion Guide for Dave Sims' Testimony

Objective:

This guide is designed to help your group reflect on Dave Sims' story, focusing on the **Essentials** of **Abide in Christ** and **Reach the Lost**. The testimony reveals the power of surrendering to God and being used to share His love with others.

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a prayer, asking God to inspire the group to abide in Him daily and have the courage and passion to reach those who are far from Him.

[Watch the Video:](#)

Watch Dave Sims' testimony, paying attention to the transformation that came through abiding in Christ and the incredible ways God used Dave to reach others.

Discussion Questions:

Head (Understanding and Knowledge)

Abide in Christ ([John 15:4-5](#) | Abide Sphere):

Dave's transformation began when he fully surrendered to God, moving from self-reliance to complete dependence on Christ.

- How did Dave's surrender to God allow Him to experience transformation and healing in his life? What does this teach us about abiding in Christ?
- Why is surrender such an essential part of abiding in Christ?

Read: [John 15:4-5](#)

- What does it mean to "remain" in Christ, and why is it necessary for bearing fruit?
- How can we develop daily practices that help us stay connected to Jesus?

Reach the Lost ([Luke 19:10](#) | World Sphere):

Dave's willingness to be used by God led to opportunities to share the gospel with hospital staff, patients, and a young girl who gave her life to Christ.

- How did Dave's mindset shift from focusing on his challenges to seeing opportunities to share Christ?
- What does Dave's story teach us about the importance of being available and open to God's plans?

Read: [Luke 19:10](#)

- How does this verse reflect God's heart for the lost?
- What practical steps can we take to join Jesus in seeking and saving the lost?

Heart (Personal Transformation and Growth)

Abide in Christ ([Philippians 4:6-7](#) | Spiritual Realm Sphere):

Dave experienced peace and purpose when he turned his life over to God and began abiding in Him.

- How has abiding in Christ helped you find peace during difficult circumstances?
- In what areas of your life do you need to surrender more fully to God?

Read: [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

- How does prayer and surrender lead to God's peace?
- What can we do this week to practice trusting God more fully in challenging situations?

Reach the Lost ([Romans 10:14-15](#) | Church Sphere):

Dave's "Are you the one?" sign was a creative way to start conversations about Jesus, resulting in a young girl's baptism.

- How does Dave's creativity and boldness inspire you to share your faith in practical ways?
- What challenges do you face in sharing your faith, and how can you overcome them?

Read: [Romans 10:14-15](#)

- Why is it essential for people to hear the gospel to believe?
- How can we prepare ourselves to share the good news with those in our lives?

Hands (Action and Application)

Abide in Christ ([Colossians 2:6-7](#) | Home Sphere):

Abiding in Christ doesn't just transform our relationship with God; it also affects how we interact with others.

- How can abiding in Christ transform the way you serve and interact with others in your home or community?
- What daily habits can you commit to this week to deepen your relationship with Christ?

Read: [Colossians 2:6-7](#)

- How does this passage encourage us to walk daily in Christ and be rooted in Him?
- What is one specific step you can take to grow deeper in your faith this week?

Reach the Lost ([Matthew 5:14-16](#) | World Sphere):

Dave's testimony shows how God can use even our challenges to bring others to faith when we let His light shine through us.

- Who in your life might need to experience God's love and hope? How can you reach out to them this week?
- How can you intentionally let your light shine in your workplace, neighborhood, or community?

Read: [Matthew 5:14-16](#)

- What does it mean to be the "light of the world," and how can we practically live this out?
- What actions can we take to ensure that others see God's love through us?

Practical Application:**Abide Daily ([John 15:4-5](#)):**

Encourage group members to commit to one practice (e.g., prayer, Bible reading, or worship) that helps them abide in Christ this week.

- What practice will you focus on to deepen your relationship with God?

Share Boldly ([Romans 10:14-15](#)):

Challenge the group to identify one person in their life who needs to hear about Jesus. Encourage them to pray for that person and look for an opportunity to share their faith.

- Who can you share the good news with this week, and how can the group support you in doing so?

Closing Prayer:

Close the discussion with a prayer, asking God to help each member abide in Him daily and give them courage to reach the lost with His love. Pray specifically for individuals the group hopes to share Christ with.