

Small Group Discussion Guide for Episode 3: Tear Up the Five Year Plan

Objective:

*This guide is designed to help your small group explore Episode 3 by focusing on the **Essentials of Connect the Unconnected and Identify, Equip, and Release**. It integrates the **Head, Heart, and Hands** model, encouraging thoughtful discussion and practical application in personal and group life.*

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a prayer, asking for God's wisdom to help the group understand how to connect the unconnected and equip leaders within their church and community.

[Watch the Video:](#)

Watch Episode 3 together, paying attention to moments in the testimony that highlight connecting those who are unconnected to the church and the process of identifying, equipping, and releasing leaders.

Discussion Questions:

Head (Understanding and Knowledge)

Connect the Unconnected ([Acts 2:42-47](#) | Church Sphere):

In Episode 3, the story emphasizes the importance of building relational environments where people feel welcomed and become part of the church community.

- How did the individuals in this episode move from being unconnected to fully integrated into a church community?
- What strategies from the testimony could we apply to help unconnected people in our lives feel more welcomed and valued?

Read: [Acts 2:42-47](#)

- What were the core practices of the early church that helped people feel connected to God and each other?
- How can we, as a small group, replicate these practices in our community?

Identify, Equip, and Release ([Ephesians 4:11-12](#) | Church Sphere):

The episode also emphasizes the importance of identifying potential leaders, equipping them for service, and releasing them into ministry roles.

- How does the church in this episode identify potential leaders, and what steps are taken to equip them for service?
- What can we learn from this process to better identify, equip, and release people within our own church or small group?

Read: [Ephesians 4:11-12](#)

- What is the role of leaders within the church according to this passage?
- How does equipping and releasing leaders benefit the entire body of Christ?

Heart (Personal Transformation and Growth)

Connect the Unconnected ([Romans 12:4-5](#) | Spiritual Realm Sphere):

Connecting the unconnected is not just about attending church but about becoming part of a spiritual family where personal growth happens.

- Reflecting on the story, how has being part of a connected community helped your own spiritual growth?
- Are there people in your life who feel spiritually disconnected? How can you help them experience the love and community of Christ?

Read: [Romans 12:4-5](#)

- How does this passage describe the interconnectedness of believers in the body of Christ?
- In what ways can you help others experience this connection within our small group or church?

Identify, Equip, and Release ([2 Timothy 2:2](#) | Church Sphere):

The testimony also shows the importance of ongoing discipleship—identifying potential leaders and releasing them to multiply their impact.

- How has someone identified your gifts and helped you grow as a leader? How did that affect your spiritual growth?
- Is there someone in your life whom you can equip and release into a leadership role or ministry? How can you take the first step in that process?

Read: [2 Timothy 2:2](#)

- What does this verse teach about the importance of passing on leadership and teaching to others?
- How can you practically apply this in your life, identifying and equipping others for service?

Hands (Action and Application)

Connect the Unconnected ([Hebrews 10:24-25](#) | Home and World Spheres):

The episode highlights practical ways to connect unconnected people to the church, fostering relationships that lead to spiritual growth.

- What are some practical steps you can take this week to reach out to someone who may feel unconnected to the church or community?
- How can you create spaces—whether at home, work, or in social settings—where people feel safe and connected to God?

Read: [Hebrews 10:24-25](#)

- Why is it important not to “give up meeting together,” according to this passage?
- How can we encourage one another to stay connected in fellowship and growth?

Identify, Equip, and Release ([Matthew 28:19-20](#) | World Sphere):

The story in Episode 3 emphasizes that leadership is not just for the church—it's about making disciples who are equipped to go into the world and share the gospel.

- How can we, as a group, take intentional steps to identify leaders within our church or community and equip them for ministry?
- Is there a specific person you feel called to mentor or equip in their spiritual walk? What is one thing you can do this week to help them grow?

Read: [Matthew 28:19-20](#)

- What is the ultimate goal of discipleship according to the Great Commission?
- How can you contribute to this mission by identifying, equipping, and releasing leaders in your own life?

Practical Application:

Connect the Unconnected ([Acts 2:42-47](#)):

Challenge group members to intentionally reach out to someone who feels unconnected this week—whether in their church, workplace, or social group. Encourage them to invite that person to an event or into a relationship where they can experience community.

- What specific steps can you take to build deeper connections with those who are unconnected?

Identify, Equip, and Release ([Ephesians 4:11-12](#)):

Encourage the group to look for potential leaders in their circles—people who are ready to grow in their faith and leadership. Challenge them to start a conversation or offer resources to help equip someone for ministry or service.

- Who can you begin equipping and mentoring this week? What resources or tools can you provide to help them grow?

Closing Prayer:

Close the discussion with a group prayer, asking God to give wisdom and guidance in connecting the unconnected and equipping others for leadership. Pray specifically for those the group is seeking to reach and help grow.