



A Life Exalted

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Leader's Guide and Answer Key

Welcome to the study of *A Life Exalted*. If you are a small-group leader, you will want to acquaint yourself with the overall structure of the Bible study. Each member of your group should have her own book and should complete each lesson on her own before it is discussed in the group.

Discussion is effective in helping your group members think through the personal applications of a lesson. Try to keep the discussion focused on the lesson, and encourage all members of the group to participate.

As the leader, you need to do little more than ask the questions and allow class members to share their answers. The following answers are provided to help you give details that will allow group members to realize what God reveals about Himself in the Scriptures.

To draw the discussion to a close, ask class members to summarize the conclusions that have been reached or to share something from the section "Let This Mind Be in You."

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Lesson 1

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1.

Passage	Who Jesus Is
John 1:1	He is God
John 1:3	He made all things
John 17:5	He was with God the Father before the world's existence
John 17:24	He was loved by God before the foundation of the world

2. Answers will vary.

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3. Verse 40

- a. strong in spirit
- b. filled with wisdom
- c. grace of God was upon Him

Verse 52

- a. increased in wisdom
- b. increased in stature
- c. increased in favor with God and man

4. Matthew 25:35—hunger and thirst

Matthew 26:12—body

Matthew 26:38—soul

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Mark 4:38—fatigue

5. Answers will vary.

6. B—Matthew 9:10–13

C—Matthew 13:55

D—Luke 22:27

A—John 5:30

E—II Corinthians 8:9

7. Answers will vary.

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8. Answers will vary.
9. He washed their feet as the lowliest servant of the household would.
10. Answers will vary.

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11. verse 39— Not as I will but as Thou wilt.
verse 42—Thy will be done.
12. Answers will vary.

 **Review Philippians 2:5–8.**

Lesson 2

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1. Judas would kiss Jesus.
2. Master
3. Friend
4. Jesus knew Judas's plan and He responded in a kind way to Judas, His betrayer.
5. Psalm 41:9—A familiar friend would lift up his heel against Him; he would be a traitor.

Psalm 55:12–13—Man not an enemy, but an equal, guide, acquaintance would be the one to betray Him.

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6. D—John 6:35
A—John 8:12
F—John 10:9
B—John 10:11
E—John 11:25
G—John 14:6
C—John 15:5

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7.

Passage	Person(s)	Condition Before	Condition After
Matthew 9:27–31	two men	blind	sight received
Mark 10:13–16	children	eager to learn and follow	blessed by Jesus
Luke 7:11–15	widow's son	dead	life restored
Luke 8:26–35	man from Gadara	possessed by devils, lived in the tombs, naked	sat at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind
Acts 9:1–16	Saul	threatened and killed Christians	chosen vessel to be used by God
Acts 9:32–35	Aeneas	sick with palsy	rose from his bed immediately

8.

Jesus said, "I AM. . ."	My Need
John 6:35 The Bread of Life	Answers will vary.
John 8:12 The Light of the World	
John 10:9 The Door	
John 10:11 The Good Shepherd	
John 11:25 The Resurrection and the Life	
John 14:6 The Way, the Truth, and the Life	
John 15:5 The Vine	

 Go over Philippians 2:9–11.

Lesson 3

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1. high priest

Are You not going to answer? What are the charges against You?

He held His peace; He was silent.

2. high priest

Are you the Christ, the Son of God?

Jesus admitted to being the Christ, the Son of God, their Judge.

3. Pilate

Are you the King of the Jews?

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Jesus admitted to being the King of the Jews.

4. Pilate

Are you not answering?

He answered nothing.

5. Herod

Herod questioned Him with many words.

He answered nothing.

6. high priest

Why answer the high priest in such a way?

If I have spoken evil, show me the evil. If I have spoken well, why smite Me?

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7. Pilate

Do You not speak to me? Do you know I have the power to crucify or release You?

Pilate's power was given from above.

8. as living sacrifices

9. Sacrifices in the Old Testament were slain.

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10. the acceptable, perfect will of God
11. Answers will vary.
12. eating, drinking, whatever we do
13. Do them to God's glory.
14. Answers will vary.
15. Answers will vary.

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16. I am a new creature with the old things in my life changed—all things are new.
17. Christ
18. Answers will vary.
19. to live for Christ
20. to die is gain

Lesson 4

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1. coats of skin
2. death of an animal
- 3.

	Cain	Abel
Genesis 4:1-4 Offerings brought	fruits	firstling of flock of sheep, fat
Genesis 4:4-5 God's response to offerings	not accepted	accepted

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4. Cain: did not meet the requirement of blood
Abel: met the requirement of blood
5. substitute; Isaac; altar; perfect; thickset; horns; lamb; Isaac's; cross
6. Answers will vary.
7. Answers will vary.
8. Answers will vary.
9. Answers will vary.
10. Answers will vary.
11. Answers will vary.
12. Answers will vary.

 **Review Philippians 2:5-11.**

Lesson 5

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1.

	Prophecy	Fulfillment
Psalm 22:1 Matthew 27:46	My God, why hast thou forsaken Me	Jesus' words on the cross
Psalm 22:2 Matthew 27:45	God not listening in daytime nor night	Daylight turned to darkness over the land
Psalm 22:7 Matthew 27:39	People mock and laugh	People mocked Jesus as He hung on the cross
Psalm 22:8 Matthew 27:43	Mocking crowd called for God to deliver Him	People around the cross told Jesus to have God deliver Him now
Psalm 22:14 Matthew 27:48	Bones out of joint; sweating from pain; heart function affected	Given vinegar for pain
Psalm 22:15 John 19:28	Thirsty	Jesus was thirsty
Psalm 22:16 John 19:33–37; 20:25–27	Hands, feet, side pierced	Nails pierced hands and feet, sword pierced His side
Psalm 22:17 John 19:23	Partial nudity	Soldiers had His garments
Psalm 22:18 John 19:24	Parted garments; Cast lots	Soldiers gambled for His garments
Psalm 34:20 John 19:34–36	Not a bone broken	Pierced His side instead of breaking legs
Zechariah 12:10 John 19:37	Pierced His side	Pierced His side
Isaiah 53:9 Matthew 27:38	Made His grave with the wicked	Two thieves crucified with Him
Isaiah 53:12 II Corinthians 5:21	He'd bear the sins of many	Made sin for us to make us right with Him

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2. B—Jesus would be a light to Gentiles
- E—Jesus would be the glory of Israel
- A—Jesus would be set for the fall and rising of many in Israel
- D—Jesus would be a sign spoken against
- C—Mary's soul would be pierced by a sword

3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary.
5. Answers will vary.
6. Answers will vary.

Lesson 6

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1. life; sheep
2. way; truth; life; through Him

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3. sin; righteous
4. one; one; Jesus Christ; ransom
5. me
6. the church
7. the world

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8. C, E—Psalm 51:1
A—Psalm 86:6
B—Micah 7:18–19
G—Romans 3:25
F—Romans 15:15–16
D, H—I John 1:9

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9.

Passage	Who Forgave?	Who Was Forgiven?
Genesis 45:1–5	Joseph	his brothers
I Samuel 24:1–8	David	Saul
II Samuel 19:18–23	David	Shimei
I Kings 1:50–53	Solomon	Adonijah
Acts 7:54–60	Stephen	witnesses—mob who killed him
II Timothy 4:6–16	Paul	those who left him to stand alone

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10. Psalm 103:12—He removes our sins as far as the east is from the west.
II Samuel 12:13—He puts away our sin.
Psalm 32:1—He covers our sin.
Proverbs 28:13—He gives mercy to those who confess and forsake their sins.
Isaiah 38:17—He casts all our sins behind His back.
Zechariah 3:4—He takes our iniquity from us and gives us new raiment.
Hebrews 9:26—He puts away our sin by sacrificing Himself.

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11. We are to forgive others since God has forgiven us. If we don't forgive others, He will not forgive us.
12. Answers will vary.

 **Review Philippians 2:5–11.**

Lesson 7

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1. the gospel
2. effective
3. foolishness
4. the power of God

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5. froward or harsh
6. endure
7. patience
8. a. did not sin
 - b. no guile or deceit in His mouth
 - c. did not return the verbal attack
 - d. did not threaten His attackers
 - e. committed Himself to God the Father

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9. sin; righteousness; the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls
- 10.

In Our Life	Passage	Not in Our Life
life identified with Christ, life yielded to God	Romans 6:6–13	old man, old self, guilt of sin, penalty of sin
living unto God; life of faith; Christ living through me	Galatians 2:19–20	the law, flesh in control
fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:19–24	affections and lusts, works of the flesh

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11. not worthy of Him

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12. set aside my desires and lose my life in service to Him
13. deny himself; take up his cross; follow Christ
14. daily
15. save our lives by surrendering to Him and to His will

Lesson 8

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1. borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathea
2. He feared that the disciples would steal Jesus' body and claim He was resurrected.

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3. an angel
4. Jesus was not there; He was risen, Come see where He had been. Go and tell the disciples.
5. Jesus met them; they fell at His feet—He told them to tell the disciples.
6. They fell at His feet in worship.
7. They didn't believe them.
8. He had told them this would happen.

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9.

Passage	People	Location
Matthew 28:1, 9–10	women	Jerusalem
Mark 16:9–11 John 20:11–18	Mary Magdalene	Jerusalem
Luke 24:13–35	two disciples	road to Emmaus
John 20:19–25	disciples without Thomas	Jerusalem
John 20:26–31	disciples with Thomas	Jerusalem
John 21:1–25	seven disciples	Sea of Galilee
Acts 1:1–12	disciples	Mt. Olivet
I Corinthians 15:6	500	mount in Galilee

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10. Verse 14—Preaching and faith are vain.
Verse 15—We'd be false witnesses of God.
Verse 16—Dead would not rise.
Verse 17—Faith is vain and we're still in sin.
Verse 18—Dead are perished.
Verse 19—If this life is our only hope, we'd be most miserable.

11. Verse 20—first-fruits
Verses 21–22—Adam; Jesus Christ

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12. newness of life
13. sin
14. dead

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15. God; sin
16. hope
17. riches; inheritance
18. greatness; power

Lesson 9

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1. Jesus
2. life; life
3. know
4. Jesus Christ
5. wrath; Jesus
6. resurrection; life
7. eternal

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8. Jesus will descend with a shout and trumpet sound; the dead in Christ will be resurrected; living Christians will be caught up with them.
9. comfort

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10. C—Even against all human reason we are to hope.
A—The hope of glory is our certainty of heaven.
E—We are made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
B—The Lord Jesus is our Hope.
D—We are saved by hope.
G—Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are to abound in hope.
F—We are to rejoice in hope.
11. Answers will vary.
12. Answers will vary.
13. Answers will vary.

 **Review Philippians 2:5–11.**

Lesson 10

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1. bow in submission
2. confess Jesus as Lord
3. glory to God the Father

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4.

Passage	Exaltation of Christ
Acts 2:32–33	Jesus exalted by the right hand of God
Ephesians 1:19–20	Power seen in resurrection; sits at right hand of God in heaven
Ephesians 1:21	Far above principalities, powers, might, dominion in this world and world to come
Ephesians 1:22	Put all things under His feet; head over all; head over the church
Ephesians 1:23	Fills church with His life and character
Hebrews 2:9	Crowned with glory
Hebrews 10:12	Sits at God's right hand

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5.

Passage	Name/Position	Passage	Name/Position
Genesis 2:4	Creator (Elohim)	John 1:2–4	Creator
Genesis 15:2	Lord-Adonai	John 20:16	Master-teacher
Genesis 22:13, 14	Provider-Jehovah-Jirah	Matthew 6:31–32	Provider
Exodus 3:14	I AM	John 8:58	I AM
Exodus 15:26	God Who heals-Jehovah-raphhe	Matthew 9:12–13	Called to sick in sin
Deuteronomy 18:15–22	Messiah	John 4:25–26	Messiah
Deuteronomy 18:15	Prophet	Acts 3:20, 22	Prophet
Judges 6:24	Jehovah-Shalom	John 14:27	Peace
Psalms 2:7	Son	Matthew 3:17	Son
Psalms 23:1	Shepherd	John 10:11	Good Shepherd
Psalms 110:4	Priest	Hebrews 5:5–6	Priest

Passage	Name/Position	Passage	Name/Position
Isaiah 9:7	Heir to throne	Luke 1:32-33	Rule from throne
Isaiah 45:21	Savior	John 4:42	Savior
Isaiah 53:7	Lamb	John 1:29, 36	Lamb of God
Zechariah 9:9	King	John 18:33	King

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6. Answers will vary.

Lesson 11

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1. all dead and living
2. no—all will stand before God one day
3. no one
4. ourselves
5. if I am putting a hindrance before a weaker brother because of my actions
6. Jesus Christ

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7. Temporal—wood; hay; stubble
Eternal—gold; silver; precious stones
8. man's works
9. fire
10. reward
11. no
12. I have nothing to glory in of myself; be careful to do what is right to be sure we receive a full reward.
13. loss of reward

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14. great white throne—all the world fled from the face of the Judge
15. dead, small and great
16. Book of Life
17. their works
18. cast into the lake of fire

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19. a. Wise; wisdom
b. Mighty; might
c. Rich; riches
Answers will vary.

20. a. understands

b. knows

Answers will vary.

21. a. lovingkindness

b. judgment

c. righteousness; delights

Answers will vary.

22. C—Matthew 23:8, 10

D—John 13:13

B—Romans 14:9

A—I Corinthians 1:31

23. Answers will vary.

Lesson 12

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1. God gives them to us.
2. God makes no mistakes in giving each of us what we need to accomplish His will.
3. No, it is all up to God.

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4. He was not the Christ—He was sent before Him to prepare the way.
5. that he could introduce the Lord
6. John must decrease—Jesus must increase
7. no
8. Advance Christ's name.

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9. Paul; Christ; high priest; Damascus; Damascus; voice; persecuting; speechless; Ananias; Ananias; eyesight; ministry; synagogues; Son of God
10. that Christ would be magnified and glorified, His name would be great, His kingdom would come
11. Our bodies are given as living sacrifices for God's use; we are to yield our members as instruments of righteousness unto God for His service.

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12. boldness
13. labors, diligence, faithfulness, self-sacrifice; suffering graciously, patience, comfort displayed
14. Both were willing to live life in total obedience and surrender to whatever God had for them
15. gain
16. No; He was willing to do what God felt was best to glorify Him.

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17. Answers will vary.

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18. Answers will vary.

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