



# PREDICAMENT

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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God's vision for Abundant Life in 2018 is big - reach 700 people with the good news of God's salvation and disciple them. In order to do our part to see that vision become reality, we've got to overcome 3 predicaments our culture is entrenched in.

### 1. The Relationship Predicament.

As technology changes communication, more and more people are becoming isolated. It was Jesus' prayer for the church that we would be united, working together.

John 17:11 (ESV) *Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.*

Q. Do you feel connected or isolated in life? Is the church a factor in that feeling?

Q. Is forming friendships easy or difficult for you? If it's easy - how might you be able to help others who are less comfortable making friends? If it's difficult, what are some steps you can make to overcome that challenge?

### 2. The Transformation Predicament.

Many Christians are full of information about God, but show no transformation in their lives. If we're going to preach a gospel of life change, we need to model it.

Q. Which

areas in your

life are visibly

different than unbelievers

because of God's influence? Which

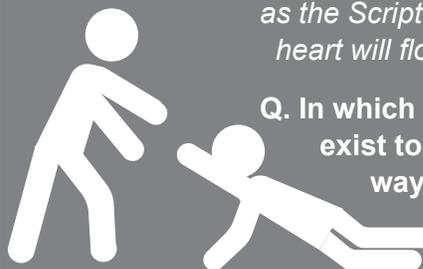
areas are not? If those areas changed,

would your example to outsiders be stronger?

### 3. The Consumer Predicament

Our modern world is training us to expect people and organizations to serve us, instead of training us to serve others. Jesus modeled and taught a life that put others first.

John 7:38 (ESV) *Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'*



Q. In which ways does the church exist to benefit you? In which ways are you a part of the church body to benefit others?

Q. If your mentality became 10% less consumer-minded and 10% more servant-minded, what kind of difference would that make in the lives of others?

What difference would it make in the fulfillment of God's vision for Abundant Life?



## PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for a compelling vision to change lives in our community this year. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us as a church overcome these predicaments together.



# “DON'T BE A STINKBUG!”

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### 1. POWER VERSE: *Philippians 2:5 “You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”*

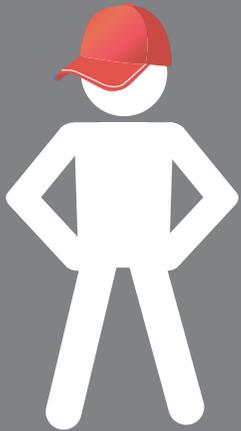
#### Watts Up: “I Will CHOOSE A Good Attitude!”

This week, we continue the series called, “Bugs.” In this lesson, we use the stinkbug to help us remember that we have a choice whether or not we have a “stinky” attitude.

### 2. BIBLE VERSE:

Read: Job 1

- Q. What happened in Job’s life?
- Q. What kind of attitude did he have?



All of us have bad days. Sometimes our hair won’t cooperate. Other times, we face difficulties with people we work with.

Every day we are tested to see if we will have a Godly attitude or not.

### 3. DISCUSSION:

Too often, we let our attitudes be determined by what our day is like. If things go well, we have a great attitude. If things go badly, we have a stinky attitude. Our attitude is a choice. It is not determined by others. We should have the same attitude that Jesus had - no matter what!



- Q. What determines your attitude?
- Q. Do you normally have a stinky attitude?
- Q. How can you change your attitude?



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Lead your child in a prayer of repentance for having the wrong attitude at times. Pray that God will help them to choose the right attitude, just as Jesus did. Pray that with God’s help, they will make the right choice for the right attitude and never ever be a stinkbug.