LIFE GROUP LEADERS’ FACILITATOR GUIDE  
Week of April 14th – April 20th, 2019

RECEIVE CONQUEST ($1 OFFERINGS)

Matthew 6:19-21 NLT
“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

EASTER PRODUCTION “HIS STORY IS OUR STORY” APRIL 19-21
Easter Weekend at Word of Life will be happening Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21, 2019! It will be a great weekend for the entire family! Our Easter Weekend starts off with our Easter Production, “His Story…is Our Story.” It’s a powerful and moving story about Jesus that changed the history of mankind forever. In fact, it’s the greatest story every told…a story of passion, rescue and God’s unconditional love for humanity.

PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES
Friday, April 19 at 7:00pm  
Saturday, April 20 at 6:00pm  
Sunday, April 21 at 6:00pm

PERFORMANCE LOCATION
All performances of Easter Production “His Story is Our Story”: An Easter Production will be held at Word of Life Christian Center, located in Downtown Honolulu at 544 Queen Street, Honolulu, HI.

ADMISSION INFORMATION  (General Seating)
General Seating is absolutely FREE! Tickets are not necessary for General Seating and reservations are not accepted. General Seating will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Reserved Seating (Purchase Required)
Reserved Seating is available for purchase. Tickets are $20 (plus fees) in advance, and $25 (plus fees) the day of each performance. You are able to select specific seats within our Reserved Seating Areas (Sections B and C, and Loge A and B); however, you must do so using a computer or tablet. If using a smartphone to purchase, our system will automatically select the best available seats for you.

All Reserved Seating ticket holders must be in their seats no later than 30 minutes after the start of the performance. After that time, all seats will be released to the general public.

JUST FOR THE KIDS
Kidz Life, the Children’s Ministry at Word of Life, will be open every night of our performances for children ages Infants – 12 years old. We will be having a special Easter Celebration just for the kids that includes games, prizes and Easter eggs! There is no cost for your children to participate.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21
You’re also invited to join us for our Sunday Morning Services as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! You’ll be encouraged through the message and worship, as well as by a special performance by our children’s ministry, Kidz Life. It’s going to be a great Easter Weekend for the whole family!
LESSON: BACK TO THE FUTURE “LEVI” (MATTHEW)
We have been sharing about Matthew. Today, we are going to discuss his story from a different perspective.

A. REACHING OTHERS WITH A HEART OF COMPASSION

As Jesus was walking along, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector’s booth. “Follow Me and be My disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed Him. *(and became His disciple).

Matthew 9:9 NLT

1. Matthew’s original name was Levi. In those times, every name had a meaning. Names were given “Intentionally.”

    - Levi: To be joined, adhesion, connected to, stuck with or part of, he was called to be united, tied with God.

2. Levi was chosen specifically because of their loyalty to the covenant of God and the purposes of God. The Levites had a zeal for the Lord that would draw other people close to God. But something happened to Matthew that caused him to: live in sin, turn his back on his nation, and walk away from God.

3. Matthew was raised as a Levite ever since he was a child. But somewhere along the way he went astray. It wasn’t until Jesus found him in the harvest field that his life was transformed.

4. Matthew was sitting at the tax collector’s booth when Jesus called him to follow Him.

5. Who do you know that needs to experience God’s unconditional love? Who are the Matthew’s all around you? What steps have you taken to connect and pray for them?

B. WIN PEOPLE BACK TO LIFE

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 9:35-36 NKJV

1. Matthew was approached by Jesus out of a heart of compassion. Matthew wasn’t judged by his outward appearance or conduct. We ought to do the same with the people we come in contact with everywhere we go.

2. Matthew’s name before he met Jesus was Levi. He had a broken heart, failed at his calling, became self destructive, unethical, and developed a bad reputation. But yet Jesus saw him through the eyes of faith and loved him back to life!

My dear friends, if you know people who have wandered off from God’s truth, don’t write them off. Go after them. Get them back and you will have rescued precious lives from destruction and prevented an epidemic of wandering away from God.

James 5:19-20 MSG

3. Continue to pray for the three people God has placed upon your heart to bring to the Easter Production “His Story is Our Story.”