



## HANG OUT (10 MINS)

- Welcome people as they arrive.
- Spend a few minutes making small talk/offer snacks.

## ICE BREAKER (10 MINS)

- Ask three to four people: Would you rather pet a tame lion or a wild lizard? Why?

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## SERMON DISCUSSION (50 MINS)

- Worship and Prayer
- Read Bible verses: Romans 12:2, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 22:36-37, 1 Peter 5:7-9

Ask DGroup members to share their favorite points from the sermon *SILENCING THE LIZARD, RESISTING THE LION*, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

### RENEWING OUR MINDS

- Who or what is the biggest influence in your life? Why?
- Do you struggle knowing God's will for your life?
- Why do people find it difficult to know God's will for them?
- Based on Romans 12:2, what are we able to receive and perceive when our lives are transformed?

### COMMITTING TO THE PROCESS

- Pastor said, the lizard and the lion both lie to us to keep us from changing. Have you ever believed their lie?
- What has been the biggest challenge that keep you from committing to the process of godly transformation and growth?
- How do the lizard and the lion's lies influence your decisions or behavior?
- 1 Peter 5 tells us to be of sober mind. What keeps you from having a sober mind — things that keep you from focusing on God's Word? Why? (e.g., pride, anxiety, arrogance, your own plans, fear, greed, lust, etc.)
- What do you need to do to let go of that so you can have a sober mind and walk in God's truth?

## CLOSING ACTIVITY (5 MINS)

- This week, identify where you're hearing roars and where you're believing the lizard. When you hear a roar, stop and think about what 1 Peter 5:8: "*Be alert and of sober mind.*"
- Prayer Requests and Prayer. Ask DGroup members to share any prayer requests they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**NEW DGROUP LEADERS ESSENTIAL TRAINING**, November 15 (7PM Knox Church). This is for potential leaders and apprentices. Pray that your group could send one or more!

**BAPTISM BASH**, November 18 (after Lakeland Worship). If you have people in the group that hasn't been baptized yet, it will be awesome for your group to encourage them to get baptized! You get to be on the pool with them!

### LOOKING AHEAD...

December 15, **Christmas Prom**

December 24, **Christmas Eve Worship**

December 31, **NYE Praise Party**