

# REDEFINING NORMAL

## A Note on Redefining Normal

Room 1228 also offers a theme called The Other Side of Normal that is the perfect complement to Redefining Normal. We encourage you to consider using The Other Side of Normal once your group completes Redefining Normal. You can find out more about The Other Side of Normal at [www.room1228.com](http://www.room1228.com).

## How to Use the Small Group Leader's Guide

This leader's guide is designed for you to use in a small group, discussion-based atmosphere. We recommend that you use it in a group with a facilitator and no more than 15 students.

This leader's guide is designed to create an interactive session. The win is life-changing discussion, not necessarily presenting every sentence of background information or application. Focus your time on the questions that engage your students and evoke discussion. We also suggest that you have students read the Scripture passages.

Make sure to leave plenty of time in your session for the Turning Point section. This section provides the moments in which today's lesson hits home for students, and so you will want to provide time and space for these moments. Allow no less than 15-30 minutes for this section in each of your meetings.

If you have a gathering of multiple groups for a few minutes before your small-group session begins, consider using the gathering tool that is part of this Room1228 package. If you are not using the gathering tool, it can become a resource for a bonus illustration for each lesson.

## How to Use the Master Teacher Guide

This master teacher guide is designed for use by an experienced communicator in a large-group setting.

This master teacher guide provides the illustrations, pictures, Scripture, background information, and application points that you will need to prepare your lesson. It also includes a suggested teaching outline and a small-group resource called the Turning Point.

Do not feel obligated to use all the background information from the Vantage Point section. This information is designed to give you a feel for the context of the session's Scripture passage as you prepare. You can choose to share as much or as little of it with your students as you see fit in each lesson. Feel free to supplement this information with your own study from your own commentaries. We have not tried to provide an exhaustive background, but a working one, so you may choose to add to it.

The Launching Point section is designed to launch your students into their small group time. If your group does not divide into small groups for the Turning Point section following your master-teacher setting, use the Launching Point as an inspirational challenge that concludes the lesson.

If your group does not divide into small groups for the Turning Point section following your master-teacher setting, consider ways you can integrate the Heart, Head, and Hands elements from the Turning Point into your program. These moments are designed to help the lesson hit home with your students, and you will discover that they are valuable elements to the session.

