

*This session is based on chapter two of the "Someone Like You" book (pg. 7)*



Start the session by watching the session two video at [SomeoneLikeYouStories.com](https://SomeoneLikeYouStories.com) (16 mins) – you may wish to take notes during the video.

### **Icebreaker and Discussion**

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1. In terms of modern-day conveniences, what's one thing you'd have a hard time living without?
2. Can you remember a time when God clearly stepped in and provided for your needs? Share your experience.
3. One in three women in the US have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. Does this fact surprise you? Why or why not?
4. On average, women will return to an abusive situation seven times before deciding to break free permanently. Why do you think this happens?

### **Video Review**

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5. Which parts of Diane's story stood out to you or surprised you?
6. We serve a God of unlimited resources. How might that influence the way we think about our finances and future?
7. Share your thoughts on Jenna's stories of impact from The Dwelling Place.

## Scripture Exploration

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8. Read Matthew 6:25–34. How do you typically react when you encounter a stressful situation or an unexpected expense?
9. The phrase, “do not worry,” is easier said than done. Practically speaking, what actions can we take to embrace this scripture and calm our anxiety?
10. Verse 33 contains a promise. Describe in your own words what you think Jesus is saying. How can we model this verse in our everyday lives?
11. Read Isaiah 61:1–3. This is a prophecy about Jesus, which he quotes in Luke 4:18–19. How does this relate to Diane’s work with The Dwelling Place?
12. Exploring each phrase in Isaiah 61, what are ways we can follow the example of Christ and live out this scripture?

## Application and Closing Thoughts

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13. Is there something stressful in your life that you’d like to stop worrying about? Make a note to pray over this.
14. Generosity is a powerful way to overcome financial fear. Why do you think this is, and what does this look like for you?

## Prayer Time

Take turns having each person in your small group share prayer requests, then close your time by praying over these requests. Make a special note to pray for victims of abuse and neglect in your nation and across the globe. Optionally, a volunteer can take notes and send them to group members or share them in such a way that everyone can edit and access them. This allows your group to continue praying over these requests throughout the week.