

Sessions are based on chapters 1–8 of the “Someone Like You” book.



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

### Session One: Every Story Has a Beginning

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**Primary Speaker:** Josiah Smith, Author of Someone Like You

**Book Chapter One:** Introduction: Every Story Has a Beginning (pg. 1)

**Key Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 12:9 – But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

### Session Two: Count on God’s Provision

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**Primary Speaker:** Diane Stores, Founder of The Dwelling Place & Door of Hope

**Book Chapter Two:** Someone Like You Helps Victims of Abuse and Neglect (pg. 7)

**Key Scripture:** Matthew 6:33 – But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

#### Organizations Represented:

##### **The Dwelling Place**

Safe, transitional housing and Christ-centered supportive services for women and children who have suffered domestic abuse.

##### **Door of Hope**

Christ-centered support groups, professional counseling, prayer ministry, and trauma-based education.

### Session Three: Take Action

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**Primary Speaker:** Brian Swanson, Founder of HOPE 4 Youth

**Book Chapter Three:** Someone Like You Seeks to End Youth Homelessness (pg. 23)

**Key Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:6–7 – For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

### Organizations Represented:

#### **HOPE 4 Youth**

Housing, Outreach, Prevention, and Education / Employment. Providing pathways to end youth homelessness.

### **Session Four: Ask for Help**

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**Primary Speaker:** Carissa Carroll, Founder of Jack's Basket

**Book Chapter Four:** Someone Like You Delivers Baskets to Babies with Down Syndrome (pg. 41)

**Key Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:14 – *Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

### Organizations Represented:

#### **Jack's Basket**

Celebrating babies with Down syndrome and equipping medical providers with tools to deliver the diagnosis to families without bias.

### **Session Five: Consistency is Key**

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**Primary Speaker:** Dave Simpson, Founder of 2.4 Ministry (also prominently features Rich and Carla Bahr, Founders of Threshold to New Life)

**Book Chapter Five:** Someone Like You Feeds the Hungry Every Day (pg. 59)

**Key Scripture:** Galatians 6:9 – *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

### Organizations Represented:

#### **2.4 Ministry**

Serving a hot breakfast 365 days a year to those who are experiencing homelessness.

#### **Threshold to New Life**

Providing housing grants to support families and build communities in the Twin Cities area.

## Session Six: Take Advice from Those You Serve

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**Primary Speaker:** Stephen Freed, Founder of Dignity Made

**Book Chapter Six:** Someone Like You Built a Factory in the Philippines (pg. 77)

**Key Scripture:** *Philippians 2:5-7 – In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.*

### Organizations Represented:

#### **Dignity Made**

Impacting impoverished communities through commerce, relief work, and fair trade.

## Session Seven: Be Prepared for Doubts and Struggles

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**Primary Speaker:** Dennis Massie, Founder of Massie's Mobile Mission

**Book Chapter Seven:** Someone Like You Created a Mobile Mission (pg. 101)

**Key Scripture:** *Matthew 7:24 – Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock*

### Organizations Represented:

#### **Massie's Mobile Mission**

Van ministry distributing supply kits, provisions, and clothing to those struggling with homelessness across the Twin Cities.

## Session Eight: Ask for Help

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**Primary Speaker:** Kaycee Stanley, Founder of The Reel Hope Project

**Book Chapter Eight:** Someone Like You Produces Videos for Kids in Foster Care (pg. 117)

**Key Scripture:** *Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

### Organizations Represented:

#### **The Reel Hope Project**

Creating videos of kids in foster care who are waiting to be adopted.