

## IDEAS FOR SIDEBARS

1. Look over your notes for discarded ideas, tangential concepts
2. Try a different perspective, the opposite (positive or negative), or the flip side
3. Concrete example of an abstract idea, abstract discussion of a practical idea
4. Unused anecdote, illustration or principle
5. Real-life example or case study
6. Quotes from famous authors
7. Lists — “You know that [topic] is a problem if . . .” or “Different ways you can [topic]”
8. Change an appendix into a sidebar (often needs to be abbreviated)
9. Quizzes — “Are you [topic]?” or “Do you have [topic]?” (avoid trivializing)

## CHECKLIST FOR DISCUSSION/REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ☐ Divide the chapter into logical sections (one or two questions per section)
- ☐ Look for italicized words/phrases, indented text, rhetorical questions, charts or diagrams
- ☐ Look up and read quoted Scripture passages in context
- ☐ Personal reflection questions: not simplistic, but not too complex or esoteric
- ☐ Group questions: spark discussion, does not ask to share personal secrets
- ☐ Scripture questions: avoid “What does this passage mean to you?”
- ☐ Use open-ended questions — avoid questions that invite one-word answers
- ☐ Avoid “altar call” questions