



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Every group session consists of three main phases: **Connect**, **Learn**, and **Apply**. Each session of this guide is broken down into each of the phases to make it easier for you to facilitate discussion with your group.

The **Connect** phase of the group is usually between 5-15 minutes and it is where you take the time to connect relationally with the people in your group. Whether that be through an icebreaker or just a check-in on how everyone is doing in the group.

The **Learn** phase is when the group dives into discussion about a specific topic. This is usually the bulk of the group meeting and lasts between 30-45 minutes. Whether it be a piece of scripture or video. With this study you will be discussing video sessions from Pastor Heath. All video sessions can be found on the Pinnacle Church App.

The **Apply** phase is when you as a group discuss how you will take what you've learned in this session and apply it to your actual lives. This is the best feature of growth group time as this is where life change can really begin to take place. This phase is also where you come along side and pray for one another and how you can apply what you're learning to your various contexts.

If you have any questions about how to use this study make sure to reach out to your growth group coach.



Week 5

Text: Philippians 3:1-11

Big Idea of the Message: God values a relationship with us more than what we can do for him.

Next Step: Stop striving for God's approval, but rather rest in his gracious love.

Connect:

ASK: Which famous living person would you most like to meet?

SAY: Most of us are fascinated with someone we've heard of, perhaps an author, a politician, or a celebrity. Social media can make us feel as if we know them more personally than we actually do, yet they do not know us at all. In today's session, Skye Jethani show us that we actually can know God, and that—even more amazingly—he wants to know us.

Learn:

Take some time to watch this week's video found on the Right Now Media at: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/770977?session=790729>

Or on the Pinnacle Church App at: <https://pinnaclechurch.subspla.sh/btdns7h>

Then discuss the following:

Discussion Topics and Questions:

1. In what ways have you been taught that God needed you in some capacity? How might such a perspective influence how and why you serve him?
2. How does striving in hopes you are good enough impact the way you interact with God?
3. How do you respond to the idea that God does not need your efforts on his behalf? In what ways have you relied on your work for him to feel significant or valued?
4. The "Life For God" mentality believes that our obedience and good work can control how God feels about us. If we are good, or work hard enough, God will love us more. But while it is good to obey God and to steward our gifts well, God's love for us is not dictated by our behavior. What difference does it make to know that God is not measuring your worth based on your actions? How does the truth that he loves you change the way you relate to him?

Application

5. In what ways have you believed your value lies in how well you behave or how much good you do? How can you change your thinking to align with the truth that God values you apart from your actions?
6. Skye said, "If god needs us to do anything, he is not a God worthy of our worship, because any God that needs me cannot be any greater than me." How does knowing that God functions and thrives without your contribution influence your worship of him?

Closing:

Take time to ask if there are any requests the group can pray for this week.

Pray

Spend time praying and praising God for working in your lives to save you, provide for you, and equip you to serve him. Thank him for loving you without conditions.