



## 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 4**

**Text:** John 6: 24-40

**Big Idea of the Message:** The gospel isn't getting something for you, it's getting you to God.

**Next Step:** Ask yourself do I seek Jesus because of what he can do for me? Instead seek Jesus because of what's been done for me.

#### **Connect:**

- **ASK:** What is one Christmas or birthday gift you loved receiving the most?
- **SAY:** Gifts are fun! Most of us enjoy the gift exchanges that come with the holidays or birthday presents once a year. Unexpected gifts at random times can also bring moments of joy. God, too, loves to give us good things. A problem comes when we treat him like his only value in our lives is what he can give us. In our session today, Skye Jethani focuses on our propensity to live with a Life From God mentality.

#### **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=790728>

Or on the Pinnacle Church App at: <https://pinnaclechurch.subspla.sh/nq388w5>

Then discuss the following:

#### **Discussion Topics and Questions:**

1. By remaking God to conform to our preferences, we create something just like us. In our consumer-driven culture, our "god" becomes that which provides for our needs and wants. How do you determine your needs versus your wants? What do you need most from God right now?
2. Think about your prayer life. How do you approach God, and to what extent do your prayers include "Help me," or "Please..."? What else do you include in your prayers?
3. How healthy would a parent/child relationship be if the child only spoke to the parent when in need of something? In what ways have you relegated God to a divine provider for all your needs?
4. A transactional relationship will forever be disappointing. No human friend or relative can deliver for us perfectly, and God will not give us what we want on our terms. How we proceed after disappointment depends on the strength of the relationship between us and God. When has God disappointed you? How did you react? As time went by, how did that event influence your relationship with Him going forward?

5. A consumer mindset warps our perception of who God truly is. In John 6:34-36, Jesus chastised the people who had followed him after he had miraculously fed them. They wanted another miracle and another meal, but they didn't want Jesus himself. To what degree would you say you love Jesus more than you love the good gifts he gives you?

### **Application**

6. Have someone read John 6:67-68. Peter and the rest of the twelve disciples were more invested in Jesus himself than in the miracles he could perform. How can you know if you are more like the Twelve or more like the other disciples? What steps can you take now to recognize and avoid a Life From God posture?

### **Closing:**

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

### **Pray**

Spend some time praying for your group and asking God to reveal the times when you approach him with a "Life From God" posture.