



## 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 6**

### **Text:**

### **Big Idea of the Message:**

### **Next Step:**

### **Connect:**

ASK: When you meet up with your best friend, what's your favorite way to pass the time together?

SAY: Friends enjoy being in one another's company, sometimes engaging in fun and meaningful activities, but sometimes just talking. Friends bless one another with their presence and attention. Knowing we have an ally can encourage us to make difficult decisions or help us through hard times. In our final session, Skye reminds us that we can access and experience God's love as we spend time with him in prayer.

### **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=790730>

Or on the Pinnacle Church App at: <https://pinnaclechurch.subspla.sh/jn7gzp3>

Then discuss the following:

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

1. Do you believe God longs to be close to you and enjoys knowing you? If not, why not? If so, what are you doing to deepen your communion with him?
2. In the Incarnation, God descended to Earth to show us that he is Emmanuel, "God with us." The Son of God showed his great love for us by becoming one of us. What encourages you about the fact that God became human? How does the Incarnation communicate to you the extent of God's love for you?
3. In your experience, what is involved with establishing and continuing a relationship with God? How successfully have you maintained your connection with him?
4. The other four postures—Live Over, Under, From and For God—are based on fear and a need for control. We often strive for control, but it's an illusion. What is it you try to control? When you think about losing even the illusion of control, how do you react? What fears rise up?

### **Application**

5. Life With God, on the other hand, puts our trust in God who does have control. God is trustworthy because of his overwhelming love and power, core characteristics of his nature that we see in Jesus. What fears can you release to God? What's stopping you from trusting him with your deepest needs?
6. Life With God, Skye said, is a life of prayer—a constant awareness of his presence and abiding with him. How would you describe your prayer life? To what extent do you experience a nearness with God as you pray?
7. What's stopping you from investing time in prayer? What fears can you release to God in confidence that he can handle them?
8. Skye said, "Once we come to see the world differently, not as a dangerous place, but as a fundamentally safe place—because it is God's world in which he is in control and we are in his care—then we're set free from fear." In what ways have you seen Skye's statement to be true—that trusting in God's control sets you free from fear? How has trusting God empowered you to see the world differently?

**Closing:**

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

**Pray**

**WHAT'S NEXT**

Take some time with your group to discuss the future of your group. Do you plan to continue meeting. Do you plan to take some time off and begin meeting again in a few weeks. Whatever your plans make sure they are communicated clearly as you close out this group study.