



## 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 1**

**Text:** John 1:1-3, 14. Genesis 1:26. Romans 3:23. 2 Corinthians 5:18

**Big Idea of the Message:** Life With God is a way of living where God is the goal not what we can use him for.

### **Connect:**

#### **For new groups or groups with new members:**

Take a few seconds to get to know everyone in your group. Have them answer 4 questions to introduce themselves to everyone:

- Name?
- Occupation?
- What brings you peace or joy and why?
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(Make sure to thank everyone for sharing their answers)

#### **For Existing Groups with no new members:**

- In what area of your life have you seen God moving or growing you in the past year?
- What do you hope to gain from this study?

### **Learn:**

Take some time to watch this week's video found on the Pinnacle Church App at:

<https://subsplash.com/pinnaclechurch/media/mi/+bpt72rv>

Then discuss the following:

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

1. What comes to mind when you hear the term “deconstruction” or “deconstructing your faith?” Is deconstruction a negative or a positive?
2. Do you ever seek to control God through your thoughts or actions?
3. Which posture do you think best captures the way that our community relates to God?

**Application**

4. Which of the four postures (life over, under, from, and for God) best describes how you relate to God right now?
  
5. Has there ever been a time in your life when you related differently to God?

**Closing:**

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

**Pray**

Spend a moment in prayer for any requests and asking God to reveal the ways that we try to control him and to help us become more aware of it.