



## Who's Your Daddy? Group Discussion Guide

Dear Group Leader,

Thank you for your willingness to lead a group through the content of WYD! We soul-deep believe in the inherent accountability and the added richness of following Jesus in community. It is our goal – through this Groups Guide – to equip you in every way possible to see God do a mighty intimate work in the midst of your people.

Admittedly, I'm not clever enough or smart enough or talented enough to write a study that changes people's lives. I'm not. But through the production of this study, our team lived with our ears to the ground, listening and submitting to His direction for this thing. So, while I know my limitations, I also walk in the confidence of the Lord's purpose for this project. I wholeheartedly believe in Jesus in it.

So, the very first and most important thing you can do to lead an effective WYD group is pray. Like on your face prayer. Apart from Jesus, there is nothing of merit here. BUT WITH HIM, I believe it will change lives. Be expectant.

- Seek the Lord's direction about whom to invite to participate.
- Ask Him for insight and wisdom to lead with the greatest impact.
- Pour out prayer over each participant, their circumstances and their journey with Jesus.
- Boldly ask Him for salvation in your group. I did not initially include a devotional addressing salvation; we had already taped a short segment at the end of the last teaching session that tackled it. However, I felt compelled – in the rewriting of a lost devo – to include an invitation to salvation. I believe somebody's meeting Jesus, friends.
- Continually ask Him to reveal Himself in a brand new way to you and your group.

Secondly, set the stage for success with each participant. This inhabits your decisions about location (Is your environment warm and conducive to community?), time (Have you chosen a time that works well for the greatest number of people?) and communication (How will you ensure your people feel cared for before, during, and after the study?).

Take seriously your responsibility as the leader; James 3:1 calls us to a higher level of accountability. We cannot pour out of an empty jar, friends. We can't give what we don't have. Seek Him for yourself first and foremost.

We believe if we know Him better, we can't help but love Him more. With that as our driving principle, the content is appropriate for believers on any point of the growth spectrum. It is foundational in nature, so I encourage you to invite anyone to join you. God has an individual work for every person holding a copy.

You are loved and cheered on, friend! Feel free to email us at [howdy@tenaciousgrace.cc](mailto:howdy@tenaciousgrace.cc) if we can serve you in any way as you lead. You are a beautiful force, and we are grateful for you!

All the love,  
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## Things to Think On...

- WYD is unique in that every participant has access to all of the videos. So if a participant misses a group meeting, he/she can watch the teaching session before returning the next week. This allows you the flexibility of using the videos in a variety of ways:
  - Do you want participants to watch the videos before they come?
  - Do you want to play the videos during your meeting?
  - Do you want participants to watch before they come, and then you play a short clip during your group meeting to focus the discussion?
- If you will watch the videos during your group meeting, we recommend downloading all of the videos in advance, so you are not relying on an internet connection.
- We also suggest watching the video, as the leader, in advance of your meeting.
- Test the technology in the space you will use at least a week in advance of your first meeting. Technology glitches and production inadequacies can adversely affect the impact of your meeting:
  - Do you have the necessary equipment (cables, drive, etc...) to connect to a TV or projector?
  - Check your sound quality. Can you reach the correct volume and clarity for your space?
  - Check the video quality. Are you projecting with a high enough resolution to retain the video sharpness?
  - Enlist the help of a production guru or a tech-savvy teen to get you squared away.
- Honor the time frame you have set for the group meeting; start and end on time (I am absolutely rotten at this, by the way). It shows a respect for participants and increases their likelihood of returning.
- If possible, meet for seven consecutive weeks. Lapses leave room for participants to disengage.
- How people feel when they are at the group meeting will determine if they return. Intentionality is key.
- How will you make participants feel they belong? Particularly ones who may not know anyone or reserved group members.
  - How will you create a safe environment for trust and honesty? Your own transparency often sets the tone here.
  - How will you incorporate fun and laughter into each meeting?
  - How will you make your people feel cared for?
  - I have found people want to be able to pray aloud but are often terrified of doing it. Consider gently encouraging/challenging different participants to pray aloud for the group during the seven weeks.

## A Possible Group Schedule...

***Dive-In Question*** – This is meant to be an easy on-ramp for everyone. A non-threatening question that requires little vulnerability and establishes common ground for all. (5 min)

***Homework Discussion*** – The aim here is to see how God is speaking to each individual differently and specifically. (15 min)

***Watch the video.*** (20 min)

***Video Discussion*** – This will help participants connect with the content and each other. This portion of the meeting is designed to inspire and prepare participants for the week of homework ahead and cultivate the desire to return next week. (15 min)

***Closing Prayer*** – This time can be used to pray for individual group members, to ask God to answer specific questions, to request He move in ways your group is hoping to experience. This is a time to thank Him, adore Him, gush over Him. Be honest and real with Him, vulnerable and transparent. We often neglect the power we have through prayer. This can be a super dynamic and tender part of your meeting. Work hard to prevent this from becoming a check-the-box way to end your time together.



## **Week One**

### **He's a giver, not a taker.**

#### ***Introductions/Dive-in Questions***

- What brings you here?
- What are your hopes for this group?
- What do you hope God does in you through this study?
- What questions do you hope God answers over the next six weeks?
- What is your favorite attribute of God's character? OR What attribute do you hope to learn more about?

***Announce Finale Date & Location*** (see Week Seven)

#### ***Video Prep Questions***

- What is the best gift you've ever been given?
- It's better to give than receive. Do you agree?
- When is it most difficult to believe God is a giver?

***Watch the video.***

#### ***Video Discussion***

- In what ways are you a giver each day?
- What causes you to wonder, "Where was God? Why did He allow this to happen?"
- How can viewing God as a taker affect our relationship with Him?
- What have you felt God has taken from you?
- How can we protect ourselves from believing God is a taker?
- Why is it easy to overlook or take for granted the good we receive from God but difficult to trust Him when He allows loss?
- For what do you wish to commend God?
- When have you experienced God's protection?
- How do you reconcile the fact God only gives His best with the hardships of life?
- Have someone read James 1:17 aloud. Looking at the examples in the listening guide, which gift is most meaningful to you right now?

***Closing Prayer***



## **Week Two**

### **He is good.**

#### ***Dive-in Questions***

- We read this week - “Our creativity is a reflection of His.” What does creativity look like in you?  
How are you creative?
- Which “puzzle piece” from your life has been most formative in shaping who you are today?
- God enjoys lavishing His generosity upon us; when have you most enjoyed lavishing someone else with your generosity?

#### ***Homework Discussion***

- How does God’s interaction with Abraham on Mt. Moriah illustrate His selflessness (page 8)?
- How will you renew and protect your sense of wonder? Why is it important that you do?
- Have someone read Psalm 139:16 aloud. What response stirs in your soul?
- What has been God’s grandest display of generosity in your life?
- Which Scripture grabbed you from Week One’s homework?
- Did God answer any questions for you through your homework?
- Which point from the study landed most solidly with you this week?

#### ***Watch the video.***

#### ***Video Discussion***

- Have someone read Psalm 25:8 aloud. How is God’s instruction evidence of His goodness?
- Have someone read Psalm 34:8 aloud. What does it look like – in practical terms – to take refuge in the Lord?
- How have you wrestled with God’s goodness?
- Have someone read Psalm 115:3 aloud. What is your response to this verse?
- Why is it crucial for us to realize sin doesn’t happen in isolation?
- How have you erroneously blamed God for consequences of your own sin or that of someone else?
- What is the effect of grasping the truth - “God does not author everything He allows”?

#### ***Closing Prayer***



## *Week Three*

### **He. Is. Enough.**

#### ***Dive-in Questions***

- On a scale of 1-10, how easy is it for you to trust people? God? Why?
- Why is safety a universal preoccupation for women?
- Which variables make your reactions unpredictable (page 25)?
- Which “God is good” verse are you memorizing?

#### ***Homework Discussion***

- “...I am convinced most of our problems as believers are because we don’t trust God. That’s the root of anxiety, disobedience, hopelessness, ambivalence, self-sufficiency, pride, and just about every other ill we strap ourselves to” (page 18). Agree or disagree? Explain.
- If it’s easy to acknowledge we make terrible gods (page 18), why do we keep trying to fill that role in our lives?
- When have your circumstances required you to believe Truth over your feelings (page 19)?
- “Our obedience is not meant to change our behavior; it’s meant to demonstrate our trust” (page 19). Agree or disagree? Explain.
- Why is God’s unchanging nature such a vital aspect of His character?
- Which Scripture grabbed you from Week Two’s homework?
- Did God answer any questions for you through your homework?
- Which point from the study landed most solidly with you this week?

#### ***Watch the video.***

#### ***Video Discussion***

- How do you most often try to fill your soul emptiness?
- What are your pet idols?
- How can we continually monitor our affections, ensuring none eclipse our affection for Jesus?
- How have you experienced a heavy hope?
- How do we pursue an undivided heart?
- What does life look like when He is enough?

#### ***Closing Prayer***



## ***Week Four*** **He's an extravert.**

### ***Dive-in Questions***

- How are dependence and self-sufficiency two sides of the same coin (page 30)? Which comes most naturally to you?
- What is your biggest obstacle to knowing God?
- What do you tend to believe increases or decreases your value as a person?
- Are you an introvert or an extravert? How does this aspect of your personality affect your daily life?

### ***Homework Discussion***

- Why did God create us (page 30)?
- As you consider the life and ministry of Jesus, what do you learn about God the Father?
- What does Henry Blackaby's quote (page 32) – "...Don't just do something. Stand there! Enter a love relationship with Me..." – communicate about God's desire for relationship?
- Have someone read 1 John 4:8 aloud. What mandate do we find for ourselves?
- "While we are tenants on this planet, God has us in a process" (page 34). What is the end goal of this process?
- Why is it so difficult for us to believe our value is constant and cannot be altered?
- Which Scripture grabbed you from Week Three's homework?
- Did God answer any questions for you through your homework?
- Which point from the study landed most solidly with you this week?

### ***Watch the video.***

### ***Video Discussion***

- Why is it valuable for us to see God as an extravert?
- Have someone read Jeremiah 33:2-3 aloud. What "great and unsearchable things" do you want God to tell you?
- Share a personal interaction you have experienced with God.
- How can we heighten our sensitivity to daily encounters with Him?

### ***Closing Prayer***



## *Week Five*

### **He's into recycling.**

#### ***Dive-in Questions***

- When was the last time you sensed God speaking to you (page 40)?
- What roles of authority do you currently hold (page 43)?
- When and where did you give your life to Jesus?
- What is the neatest recycled item you've ever seen?

#### ***Homework Discussion***

- When you feel you aren't hearing from God, which of the four reasons listed on pages 40-41 is usually true for you?
- How do "our ravenous appetites for authority curdle His delight" (page 43)?
- On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your submission to God's leadership in ALL areas of your life? What specific areas are you still trying to lead on your own (page 44)?
- How do the leadership tenets on page 44 stretch your understanding of who God is?
- If God is always present, why do we often feel so alone?
- God keeps His Word; what does that mean to you? What promises has He kept to you?
- Which Scripture grabbed you from Week Four's homework?
- Did God answer any questions for you through your homework?
- Which point from the study landed most solidly with you this week?

#### ***Watch the video.***

#### ***Video Discussion***

- How can you be a better steward of your garbage, spiritually speaking?
- We are often uncooperative with God's recycling purposes in our lives. Why is that?
- How has God recycled a hurt in your life...using it for your benefit and then reusing it to help someone else?
- How does God currently want to take your weakness and make it a weapon for His purposes?
- Why is it important for us to stay in touch with our desperation for God?
- How are you personally encouraged by Paul's example?
- Have someone read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 aloud. How have you seen this principle lived out in skin?

#### ***Closing Prayer***





## **Week Six**

### **He's not who you think He is.**

#### ***Dive-in Questions***

- Are you more of a waster or a saver?
- Why are we as Christians often really good at landscaping our personal landfills (page 53)?
- Who has most directly influenced (positively or negatively) what you believe about God?
- On a scale of 1-10, how dangerous is your faith?

#### ***Homework Discussion***

- God doesn't waste anything; what does that tell us about His character?
- How have you seen God reap a solid return on what's been characterized as meaningless or hopeless?
- Have someone read 2 Corinthians 2:14-15 aloud. What does the aroma of the knowledge of Jesus "smell" like?
- "Disciple-making is a recycling function" (page 57). What does this look like?
- How are you currently reusing the gospel?
- Have someone read 1 Peter 1:6-8 aloud. What proves our faith genuine?
- Which Scripture grabbed you from Week Five's homework?
- Did God answer any questions for you through your homework?
- Which point from the study landed most solidly with you this week?

#### ***Watch the video.***

#### ***Video Discussion***

- Why is it so easy for us to confuse God with someone else?
- Of the faulty characterizations of God discussed in Session Six, which has been an obstacle for you?
- What's the danger in believing God is the best version of you?
- Have someone read Isaiah 55:8-9 aloud. How should these verses instruct our relationship with God?
- What action steps can we take to prevent our pigeonholing of God?

#### ***Closing Prayer***



## Week Seven Finale

Round out your group's time together with a final gathering that's big on fun and celebrating. The social aspect of this last meeting should be the focal priority.

Change up the location. Go out to lunch or dinner. Grab mugs together at a coffee shop. If the weather is nice, meet at a local park or around a firepit. Host a potluck at someone's home. The change in venue will bring a neat energy to conclude your time.

### *Closing Discussion*

- Looking back to your first week together...
  - What has God done in you through this study?
  - Did God answer any of the questions you hoped He would?
  - Which attribute of God's character did you most enjoy studying?
- How is your perception of God different than it was seven weeks ago?
- What is your main take-away from the study?
- How could your WYD experience have been improved?
  - Please email us at [howdy@tenaciousgrace.cc](mailto:howdy@tenaciousgrace.cc) if your group has suggestions for how we might improve the experience for others.

Please express our appreciation to all of your group members. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to pursue Jesus with all of you. And Group Leader, THANK YOU for stepping up. Hats off to you, friend, and huge prayers for blessings and joy!