

# **God in the Mirror**

## **Group Leader's Guide**

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## *Before Your First Group Meeting*

- Familiarize yourself with the God in the Mirror Group Guide.
- Watch the first video in the series (from the [RightNowMedia.org](https://www.RightNowMedia.org) library). If you do not yet have access to the library, contact [gracegroups@visitgracechurch.com](mailto:gracegroups@visitgracechurch.com)
- Pray for the people who will be participating in the group.

### *1-Are You Ready for This?*

#### **Tips for Beginning the Meeting:**

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Provide each group member with a copy of the Group Guide or, if they prefer, have them download it from [VisitGraceChurch.com/grace-group-resources](https://www.VisitGraceChurch.com/grace-group-resources). Note: The guide has hyperlinks to the Scripture references which may be an appealing feature to some of your group members.
- If you don't all know one another, ask each person to introduce him/herself.
- Open the meeting with a short prayer.
- Read the "Series Overview" on the TOC page of the Group Guide.

#### **Tips for Using the Guide and Video:**

- Watch the video for Part 1.
- Do the "Icebreaker" after watching the video.
- Answer the "**Discussion Questions.**" Note: Your group may prefer to focus on some of the questions and skip others.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don't insist that everyone answer all the questions. (Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.)
- As a group, pray. Use some of the suggestions under "**Group Prayer.**" Invite everyone to pray but don't force all to pray.
- Ask members to try the "**Application Exercise**" during the following week and come prepared to discuss their experiences. Mention that the "**Personal Reflection**" is just between them and God.



## 2-You Were Created to Be Individually Unique

### Tips for Beginning the Meeting:

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Open the meeting with a short prayer.

### Tips for Using the Guide and Video:

- Watch the video for Part 2.
- Do the “Icebreaker” after watching the video.
- Answer the “**Discussion Questions.**” Note: Your group may prefer to focus on some of the questions and skip others.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don’t insist that everyone answer all the questions. [Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.]
- As a group, pray. Use some of the suggestions under “**Group Prayer.**” Invite everyone to pray but don’t force all to pray.
- Ask members to try the “**Application Exercise**” during the following week and come prepared to discuss their experiences. Mention that the “**Personal Reflection**” is just between them and God.

### Tips for After the Meeting:

- Send an email to members:
  - thanking them for participating in the last meeting
  - reminding them to do the “Application Exercise”
- Pray for your group members.

## 3-You Were Created to Be God's Moral Mirror

### Tips for Beginning the Meeting:

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Open the meeting with a short prayer.

### Tips for Using the Guide and Video:

- Watch the video for Part 3.
- Do the “Icebreaker” after watching the video.
- Answer the “**Discussion Questions.**” Note: Your group may prefer to focus on some of the questions and skip others.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don't insist that everyone answer all the questions. [Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.]
- As a group, pray. Use some of the suggestions under “**Group Prayer.**” Invite everyone to pray but don't force all to pray.
- Ask members to try the “**Application Exercise**” during the following week and come prepared to discuss their experiences.

### Tips for After the Meeting:

- Send an email to members:
  - thanking them for participating in the last meeting
  - telling them you look forward to seeing them for the next meeting (provide meeting logistics)
  - reminding them to do the Application Exercise
- Pray for your group members.

## 4-You Were Created with the Authority to Rule

### Tips for Beginning the Meeting:

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Open the meeting with a short prayer.

### Tips for Using the Guide and Video:

- Watch the video for Part 4.
- Do the “Icebreaker” after watching the video.
- Answer the “**Discussion Questions.**” Note: Your group may prefer to focus on some of the questions and skip others.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don’t insist that everyone answer all the questions. [Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.]
- As a group, pray. Use some of the suggestions under “**Group Prayer.**” Invite everyone to pray but don’t force all to pray.
- Ask members to try the “**Application Exercise**” during the following week and come prepared to discuss their experiences.
- **If you are agreeable to continuing to lead this group, let your group know this and ask them to consider the idea of continuing the group.** [Options for materials include Group Guides for Grace message series, previous Grab-N-Go Kits, and RightNowMedia.] **Don’t force an answer yet. Give them time to consider the idea.**





## 5-You Were Created to Be God's Friend

### Tips for Beginning the Meeting:

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Open the meeting with a short prayer.

### Tips for Using the Guide and Video:

- Watch the video for Part 5.
- Do the “Icebreaker” after watching the video.
- Answer the “**Discussion Questions.**” Note: Your group may prefer to focus on some of the questions and skip others.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don't insist that everyone answer all the questions. [Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.]
- As a group, pray. Use some of the suggestions under “**Group Prayer.**” Invite everyone to pray but don't force all to pray.
- Ask members to try the “**Application Exercise**” during the following week and come prepared to discuss their experiences.

### Tips for After the Meeting:

- Send an email to members:
  - ▶ thanking them for participating in the group sessions
  - ▶ telling them you look forward to their continued participation in Grace Groups
- Pray for your group members.

## 6-You Were Created to Be Eternal

### Tips for Beginning the Meeting:

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Open the meeting with a short prayer.

### Tips for Using the Guide and Video:

- Watch the video for Part 6.
- Do the “Icebreaker” after watching the video.
- Answer the “**Discussion Questions.**” Note: Your group may prefer to focus on some of the questions and skip others.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don’t insist that everyone answer all the questions. [Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.]
- As a group, pray. Use some of the suggestions under “**Group Prayer.**” Invite everyone to pray but don’t force all to pray.
- Ask members to try the “**Application Exercise**” during the following week and (if your group plans to continue meeting) come prepared to discuss their experience .
- If you told your group you are agreeable to continuing as their group leader, ask them now if they wish to continue meeting. If they do, discuss options. [Group Guides for Grace message series, previous Grab-N-Go Kits, and RightNowMedia.]

### Tips for After the Meeting:

- Send an email to members:
  - thanking them for participating in the group sessions
  - telling them you look forward to their continued participation in Grace Groups (give logistics if the group is continuing)





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