

# **R.A.W.** **real. authentic. worship.**

*Group Leader's Guide*

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## Before Your First Group Meeting

- Familiarize yourself with the R.A.W. Group Guide.
- Watch the first video (watch the others before each meeting).
- Pray for the people who will be participating in the group.

### 1-Are You a Heisman Believer?

#### *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.
- If you don't all know one another, ask each person to introduce him/herself.
- Read the "Series Overview" on page 1.

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

- You may do the "Icebreaker" before or after watching the video.
- Remember: When brainstorming, avoid criticizing any of the brainstorm thoughts that people express.
- Once you've done the "Icebreaker" and watched the video, read (or have a volunteer read) Psalm 13.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don't insist that everyone answers all the questions. (Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.)
- Ask members to try the "Application Exercise" during the following week and come prepared to discuss their experience.

#### *Tips for After the Meeting:*

- Send an email to members:
  - ▶ thanking them for participating in the first meeting
  - ▶ telling them you look forward to seeing them for the next meeting (provide meeting logistics)
  - ▶ reminding them to do the "Application Exercise"

## 2-Do You Need a Confession Cleansing?

### *Tips for Beginning the Meeting:*

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Ask members to share their experience with the “Application Exercise” from the first session. Were they able to be more open with God about their feelings?

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

- This week, the “Icebreaker” would work best **before** watching the video.
- Remember: When brainstorming, avoid criticizing any of the brainstorm thoughts that people express.
- At the close of the video, Pastor Phillip Kelley read Psalm 51. Your group may decide if they want to read it aloud another time. (This is optional.)
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don’t insist that everyone answers all the questions. (Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.)
- Ask members to try the “Application Exercise” during the following week and come prepared to discuss their experience.

### *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”

### **3-More Than a Song?**

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

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Ask members to share their experience with the “Application Exercise” from the last session. Were they able to sense God working in their lives?

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

- You may do the “Icebreaker” before or after watching the video.
- Remember: When brainstorming, avoid criticizing any of the brainstorm thoughts that people express.
- Once you’ve done the “Icebreaker” and watched the video, read (or have a volunteer read) Psalm 103.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don’t insist that everyone answers all the questions. (Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.)
- Ask members to try the “Application Exercise” during the following week and come prepared to discuss their experience.

#### *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

## 4-What Do You Want Me to Do for You?

### *Tips for Beginning the Meeting:*

- Before beginning your study time in the meeting, seek to make everyone feel welcome.
- Ask members to share their experience with the “Application Exercise” from the last session. Ask if anyone tried a creative way of worshipping God that they would recommend to others.

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

- You may do the “Icebreaker” before or after watching the video.
- Once you’ve done the “Icebreaker” and watched the video, read [or have a volunteer read] Psalm 143.
- Encourage balanced participation from members; however, don’t insist that everyone answers all the questions. [Take into account that some members may feel uncomfortable about some topics.]
- Ask members to try the “Application Exercise” during the following week and send you an email about their experience with the exercise.

### *Tips 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
- If you are agreeable to leading this group in another group experience, send an email asking if the members would be interested.
- If you don’t wish to continue as a leader at this time, suggest that members check for open groups on [VisitGraceChurch.com](http://VisitGraceChurch.com), scrolling down to “Grace Groups.”

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