

# GROUP GUIDE

**Conversation Starter** Are you a night owl or an early riser? Share something about getting up early or going to bed late that is a positive!

**Worship Together** Spend a few moments in worship. You can sing together, read a Psalm, etc. Recommended Song: "Here as in Heaven" (YouTube Link: [xr.church/song2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xr.church/song2))

## Review Your Week

- How did I act on what God told me to do over the last week?
- Where have I noticed God at work?

**Watch** Recap of "Jesus-Shaped Life" week 2 on the [Crossroads App](#) or [xr.church/jesusshapedlife](https://www.xr.church/jesusshapedlife)

**Read** Matthew 9:9, Matthew 4:18-20. Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to guide your conversation together. Then break into groups of 3 to discuss the following questions.

## Group Discussion Questions

1. What possible honest answers might someone give to the question Jesus asks in Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I say?" Why is it a contradiction to say Jesus is my Lord and not obey Him?
2. Why is legalism attractive on a certain level? Why is it spiritually deadly?
3. What is the difference between regretting a sin and renouncing it?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how loved by God do you feel right now?  
Unless it is a ten, pray for each other to be filled with more of His love.
5. Share a time you successfully resisted a temptation. What were the keys to victory?
6. Is there an issue in your life you've given up trying to change because you've been unsuccessful? What is God saying to you about that right now?
7. Take a moment to pray for each other to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Act on It** Spend 5-10 minutes alone reflecting on the scripture, discussion, the message, and your time with God. Pray and ask God to speak to you. Finally, complete the Response section and use the space below to record your answers.

## Response

- What stood out the most from this week's readings, message, discussion and prayer time? Where is God asking me to focus my attention this week?
- What will I do in response?

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**Share and Pray** Take a moment and share what you wrote down. What questions, concerns, or insights might you have regarding what God is asking you to do this week? Spend time praying for one another. Pray to be empowered by His Spirit to take action this week on what each person wrote down.

**Pray for the Open Chair** Take an open chair and close by praying that God would fill it with someone who needs to experience His love and power through the group next week.

