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**Study Guide**

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### Chapter 1: Talking

#### Guided Questions

God spoke the world into existence. We find this in Genesis 1. If God spoke then, do you think He is still talking today?

What are some different ways God talked to people in the Bible?

If God is always talking, does He have time to listen, too?

What is the essence of prayer?

When you pray, does it need to come from your heart or just your head?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you feel you talk or listen more?

How does God talk to you?

Do you feel God listens to you when you pray?

Is there a special time or place you go to talk to God?

Do you feel God is always ready to listen to you when you talk?

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### Chapter 2: Listen

#### Guided Questions

What are some ways you listen?

What do you do if you feel someone isn't listening to you?

What does James 1:19-20 say about listening?

Do people have to speak out loud for you to listen to them?

Jesus taught in John 10:14-17 about being the Good Shepherd. Why do you think we are called to be sheep?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you feel you are able to listen to God?

If you take time to pray, do you listen to what God says in return?

Do you feel you are able to listen to God?

If you can listen to God, do you obey what He says to you?

If you feel you sometimes get more focused on yourself and don't take the time to listen after you pray, how can you change that?

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Chapter 3: Authority

### Guided Questions

If we don't know the authority we have, what does that do for us?

Why did Jesus want us to have His authority?

Luke 9:1-3 says that Jesus gave the disciples His authority. Do you think He wants us to have that authority today?

Can this authority be used only once in a while?

Is there a limit to how much you can learn from God?

### Points to Ponder

Do you believe you have authority from Jesus?

How do you use your authority?

Do you try to do everything God wants to accomplish through you on your own?

Can you get anything you want when you use your authority?

Do you think God meets you where you are in your walk with Him, or does He get impatient and leave you on your own?

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### Chapter 4: Ask

#### Guided Questions

In John 14:12-14, how does Jesus tell us to ask for something?

Does God always answer our prayers?

What are some ways to ask God for our desires?

How does James 1:5-6 tell us how to ask God for what we want?

What is a good thing to do after we ask God for something?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you feel you should stop asking God if you don't get what you want right away?

Do you feel God is hiding from you?

Do you feel Jesus was telling us to be fruitful when He gave the Great Commission to His disciples in Matthew 28:18-20?

Do you find yourself often asking God for something and then expecting Him to do all the work?

Do you feel God is happy to answer your prayers, or does He begrudgingly do so?

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### Chapter 5: Seek/Focus

#### Guided Questions

According to Acts 17:27, what are we are instructed to do?

Do you have to do something to seek God?

What is the promise we have in Matthew 6:33?

At what times in our lives do we need to focus on God the most?

What does Hebrews 11:6 say about pleasing God?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you ever feel that God is hiding from you?

Do you find yourself seeking God only in the problems of your life?

Do you feel God tries to make it a burden for us to seek Him?

Do you find you put more focus on a certain preacher or teacher than on God?

Do you feel you will be rewarded if you earnestly seek God?

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### Chapter 6: Trust

#### Guided Questions

In Proverbs 3:5-6, how are we instructed to trust in God?

How is God referred to in Psalm 91:2?

What does Proverbs 16:20 say about listening and trusting?

Are there different levels of trust?

When we trust God, what does He do in return?

#### Points to Ponder

The Bible refers to God as our strength and fortress. Do you feel that describes Him in your life?

How do you feel when you completely trust in God?

Is it always easy for you to trust God?

Do you think God wants to answer all your inquiries?

Do you feel God ever leaves you?

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### Chapter 7: Stand

#### Guided Questions

What does Ephesians 6:13 tell us about standing?

What does the Bible say about God leaving us?

According to Luke 21:19, what will our reward be for standing firm?

How are we to stand according to 1 Corinthians 16:13-14?

What is the wonderful promise we find in John 10:10?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you think God gets mad at you when you make a mistake?

Do you feel God ever leaves you?

Do you feel you have a firm foundation on which to stand with God?

What happens in your life when you fall from God or take that step over the line?

Do you ever feel like God has promised you something and then taken it back?



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### Chapter 8: Battle

#### Guided Questions

How often are we in Spiritual battles?

In Ephesians 6, why does Paul say we need the armor of God?

Are we only in physical battles?

What are some ways we can battle the enemy?

Why does prayer need to be consistent?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you feel protected against the enemy with the armor you have right now?

Do you think you are in more physical or Spiritual battles?

Do you feel you have the power to fight the enemy? Why?

Do you feel you can be victorious with your armor on?

What are some weapons you use to fight your battles?

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Chapter 9: Physical/Spiritual Pain

### Guided Questions

What are two verses in the Bible that speak specifically about one of the reasons Jesus died on the cross?

What does James 5:16 say we are to do for others?

Did God heal people before Jesus came?

What is a special promise written in John 16:33?

Is physical pain the only way you can hurt?

### Points to Ponder

Have you ever had people tell you that you have physical problems for a Spiritual reason?

Do you believe it is your entire fault when you experience physical pain?

Have you noticed that your prayers have different time lengths for answers?

Do you believe it hurts God to see you in physical or Spiritual pain?

Do you think you have to beg God for your healing?

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### Chapter 10: Relationship

#### Guided Questions

According to the book, what kind of relationship does God want with you?

Do you have to have a perfect life on earth in order to have a relationship with God?

Does God have to initiate our relationship with Him?

In the book, what two verses in 2 John are associated with our relationship with God?

Why is God a jealous God?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you believe God wants a personal relationship with you?

Do you think there are wrong relationships with God when they come from the heart?

Do you think Jesus died so that we could have a better relationship with Him?

Do you feel like a joyful Bride of Christ?

How do you feel you could have a closer relationship with God?

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### Chapter 11: Praise

#### Guided Questions

According to the book, what are some different ways to praise God?

Can praise only be done by singing?

In Psalm 66:17 how did the author praise God?

According to the book, is thanking God a way of praising Him?

What does the book say about three feelings you can have when you praise God?

#### Points to Ponder

What are some ways you praise God?

How do you feel after praising God?

Do you feel there is only a certain place you can praise God, or can you openly praise Him everywhere?

Do you feel that thanking God helps take your eyes off of your situation, thus relieving your problems?

What do you think is the main reason to praise God?

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Chapter 12: Thanks

### Guided Questions

Does the book say thankfulness is only supposed to be done in positive situations?

What does 1 Chronicles 16:34 say we are supposed to give to God?

According to the book, is there joy in giving thanks?

In 1 Corinthians 15:56-57, why does Paul say we are to be thankful?

In Psalm 107, what was repeated four times?

### Points to Ponder

Do you believe thanksgiving can be seen in your attitude?

What happens to you when you thank God?

Do you feel God is honored when you thank Him?

Do you believe that since Jesus gave thanks to God we should, too?

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by all the reasons you have to thank God?

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### Chapter 13: Joy

#### Guided Questions

Is joy only a feeling?

How does James tell the people to consider trials in James 1:2?

According to the book, can joy be contagious?

How do we get joy?

What are some of the scientific benefits of laughter?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you think your attitude decides your feelings?

Do you feel you are stronger when you have joy?

Do you consider how your joy can affect the outcome of your trials?

Do you believe you make God joyful?

Do you find yourself more joyful and happy, or somber and contrite? Why?

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Chapter 14: Gifts/Give

### Guided Questions

The Bible says that people reap what they sow. Is this only for positive things?

If you sow blessings, do you reap curses?

According to Proverbs 18:21, where is the power of life and death?

Do you have to be a believer of Christ to reap what you sow?

In the book, what does it say we are supposed to give to God?

### Points to Ponder

Can you think of an example of a blessing you received from blessing someone else; maybe not even the same person?

Do you think God loves to give you good gifts?

Do you believe God only wants the best for you?

Do you think God wants us to be joyful and prosperous? Why?

Do you feel you are supposed to keep your blessings from God to yourself, or share them with others?

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### Chapter 15: Fun

#### Guided Questions

Are we free to have fun with God?

According to the book, did God have fun with people in the Old Testament?

Is the fun of this world the same fun of God?

In the book, where does fun come from?

What does Proverbs 17:22 say a cheerful heart can do for you?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you feel you can have fun with God?

Do you think God is always mad at you?

Do you feel you are free to communicate with God personally?

Do you think God is happy and cheerful?

Do you enjoy God?



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### Chapter 16: Goodness

#### Guided Questions

Is goodness only found in your actions?

In 1 Corinthians 13:3, what does Paul say about good deeds?

Can people have true goodness without God?

What does Romans 14:17 say about goodness?

According to the book, is it wrong to give good gifts when done with an ulterior motive?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you feel your good deeds will get you to Heaven?

Do you think goodness is something you do, or part of who you are?

What do you feel the difference is in doing good acts, or doing acts of goodness?

After reading Psalms 116:12, what do you feel are some of the ways you can return the goodness God shows you?

Do you feel that when you have goodness from God in your life it can affect other people?

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Chapter 17: Dreams and Goals

### Guided Questions

Does God want you to dream?

Should your dreams include God's input?

Is it important to have small goals to get to bigger dreams?

Does God want you to ask Him for help with your goals?

Why is it important to keep your dreams where you can see them?

### Points to Ponder

Do you have dreams in your life?

If you have a dream that doesn't seem to happen right away, what do you do?

What are your answers to the questions on page 134?

Do you find yourself really wanting something, but giving up on the dream as time goes by?

Do you feel God wants you to only dream about things you can attain on your own?

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### Chapter 18: Love

#### Guided Questions

According to the book, where does some of our love come from?

What is one way we can let people know God loves them?

Other than loving God, who else are we supposed to love?

Does God get mad at us when we don't do everything right?

What happens when we give God away?

#### Points to Ponder

Do you feel you need a foundation of true love from God to give love to others?

Do you believe God loves you no matter what you do?

Other than Jesus dying on the cross, what is another way you feel God shows His love to you?

Do you feel God loves the believer more than the unbeliever?

Do you think you can love God more than you do now?

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### Chapter 19: Take Me/Want Me

#### Guided Questions

According to the book, why won't God intervene in your life without being invited?

Can you invite God to be with you every day, or only on special occasions?

What is one reason God created you?

In the book, why does it say God personally spent time with Adam and Eve?

Did Jesus come to the earth only to be with the righteous and faithful?

#### Points to Ponder

How does it make you feel when someone asks you to spend time with them?

Do you think God wants to spend time with you?

Do you feel you can ask God to be with you anywhere you go?

Do you think it is important for you to ask God to spend time with you even if He is with you wherever you go?

Do you believe God is excited to be invited into your everyday life?

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Chapter 20: Positive Affirmations

### Guided Questions

What does Proverbs 8:14 say you have?

According to 2 Peter 1:3, has God given us just some things we need or everything?

How are believers supposed to act according to Proverbs 28:1?

Romans 5:17 says we can triumph over what?

In Psalms 149:4, what does the Lord give to the humble?

### Points to Ponder

Do you believe you have precious promises from God?

Do you think you can have a personal relationship with God?

Do you believe you are a child of God?

Do you feel you are usually above trials or beneath them?

Do you think you can do all things God wants you to do with His help?