

## Made for God Small Group Guide

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What were you like in elementary school? What are some ways in which you are the same today?
2. What is one skill that most people don't know that you have?

**Read the following passage:** Revelation 21:1-4, 15-27; 22:1-5.

In the book of Revelation John describes the new heavens and the new earth which God will one day establish. Throughout this description, we see references to both the Garden of Eden and the temple God instructed Solomon to build in Jerusalem. The ultimate purpose for which we were created will finally be achieved: "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." (Revelation 21:3)

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. All of us experience strong longings at different times in our lives. Why do you think we sometimes lose sight of our need for God?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. What Paul writes in this verse captures an important idea: We will eventually look *like* what we continually look *at*. What are some practical ways we can "contemplate the Lord's glory"? Are you regularly taking time to put your attention on God? Explain.
3. Read Isaiah 59:1-15. What are some ways sin is described in this passage? How does sin affect our relationship with God?
4. Read Hebrews 10:1-25. Although the Law was given to the Israelites by God, the first followers of Jesus discovered that it was just a placeholder until Christ came. The Law could not deliver human beings from sin. What are some ways we attempt to deal with our sin that will ultimately not work?
5. Read John 14:15-21. What promise did Jesus give to his disciples? How can we experience more of the Holy Spirit's presence and power in our lives?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. What does Paul's metaphor of a body suggest about the importance of Christian community? How might our experience of community affect our experience of the presence of God?

7. What is one practical discipline that can help you grow in your relationship with God?

**Pray**