



# FOR God Is for Us

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Week 1

1 of 4

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**Bottom Line:** God is for you!

**Icebreaker:** Pick a question: Would you rather go without the internet or your phone for a week? Would you rather have more time or more money? Why?

**Key Verse:** *FOR God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it but to save it.* John 3:16-17

God is for me—all the time! Nothing can defeat or control me without my consent, for the Almighty God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, is for me! I can know God is for me because of the way He handles His relationship with me.

- **He loves me.** Jesus loves me so much that He died for me to make me able to know God and restore my relationship with Him. John 3:16-17
- **He is available for me.** He hears and answers when I pray. He meets me at my point of need. 1 John 5:14-15
- **He gifted me.** He gives me abilities to serve others and give grace on His behalf. 1 Peter 4:1
- **He empowers me.** I am equal to anything God places before me to do. Philippians 4:13

Because we have been given so much, God has empowered us to reach the world; the world He is FOR, and give them the good news. Our mission with the FOR campaign is to create common ground with individuals, create a connection with them, create conversation with them, which will cause them to let us tell them about Christ, and let Christ save them (1 Corinthians 9:22).

God is FOR us, and we are FOR our world!

## THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from the message?

“The church has too long been known for what it is against.” Discuss. How have you felt it and seen it?

“We at NewPointe want to be known for what we are FOR.” Discuss this. What part of it is most significant to you?

As you think about this change in thinking, who is a particular person, or what is a specific demographic you want to realize God and NewPointe is for them? Why is this so significant to you?

“God wants only the best for people, and we want to be conduits of God’s grace and love.” How do we communicate to skeptical people that we want only the best for them? How do we combat skepticism and cynicism? Do you ever feel that God is not on your side? Do you ever feel that God has forgotten you? How do you deal with it?

## LOOK IT OVER <<<

“God is for me all the time, in the good and the bad, when I am doing great and when I fail, in disappointments, discouragements, extraordinary trouble and pain. God is all-powerful, always loving and ready to help me—right now!” Discuss.

“God is for me when I can’t see it, feel it, or understand it. God is for me even when everything falls apart and I am on the brink of giving up. God is for me! God is for me in the hardest places!” Discuss.

God wants you to say, “If God is for me, who can be against me?” Do you feel that way? Is it hard or easy to believe? Why?

“What problem can fasten its grip on you when the Almighty God is for you?” Do you have anything you need to commit to Him now in order to be empowered to share that the God who is FOR you is FOR them?

# NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Give yourself some time to reflect on how God loves you, and how the evidence in your life shows that God is FOR you.
- 2) Begin now to pray for the people with whom you will have the opportunity to create common ground, connection, and conversation in the next months.

## EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

**Bottom Line:** God is for you!

Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

## PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

## DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at [newpointe.org/daily](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Monday: Psalm 56:9

Tuesday: Romans 5:8

Wednesday: Romans 8:31-33

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 9:22

Friday: 1 Peter 3:1

***Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.***

*(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)*