

Personal and Group Study

On Your Own – Before Group Time

Complete the following activities before the group (triad) time.

Read

Step 1 – Read the Pathways article (or book chapter). As you read:

- Place the letter “N” in the margin near information that is “New” to you.
- Underline what strikes you as significant.
- Circle terms or ideas you might need to have clarified.
- Write down any questions you might have.

Think

Step 2 – Take some time to think about the following aspects of the article you read. Write out your answers and be ready to discuss these with your study partners (triad, group).

- What concerns do you have with regard to this Pathways topic?
- How might studying this topic help you overcome your concerns?
- Can you see a void in your life related to this topic? If so, describe it? If not, why not?

With Others – During Group Time

Complete the following activities during the group time.

Connect

Step 3 – Pray together, asking God to graciously provide His direction, protection, and presence during the group time.

Step 4 – Have each person share his or her observations and answers to the **Reflect (Think)** and **“Aha Moments”** from the previous Pathways study.

Step 5 – Have each person share his or her observations and answers to the **Read** and **Think** steps of this Pathways topic.

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Analyze

Step 6 – Using the Pathways article (or book chapter), analyze the teaching and Scripture passages with regard to the Pathways topic. If you are aware of other relevant Scripture passages that are not contained in the article, feel free to include them. Use the questions below as guidelines and record your answers.

- What is true. – What are the key biblical truths of this Pathways topic?
- What is not true. – What is something false or inaccurate that you personally have believed related to this Pathways topic?
- What not to do. – In relation to this Pathways topic, what is something in your life that needs to change?
- What to do. – What are some things you need to learn to do (or not do) in order to live in a way that reflects the truth of this Pathways topic?

Step 7 (On Your Own) – Write out a summary of what you have learned from this study (so far).

Step 8 (With the Whole Group) – After everyone has had time to write a personal summary, have each person share his or her summary with the whole group.

Integrate

Step 9 – Think about how the truth of this Pathways topic applies to your life and answer the following questions.

- Do you need to repent of any disobedience? If so, what?
- Do you need to acknowledge any unbelief? If so, what?
- What truth of the gospel do you need to connect with?
- What promises of God can you trust in and expect Him to keep?

Plan

Step 10 – Create an “Action Plan” for something specific you can do in the coming week in obedience to what you have learned? Use the questions below to help you be specific and then share it with others in your group.

- Who is going to do what, by when?
- Who will hold you accountable for this and how?

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Pray

Step 11 – Spend some time praying with each other and for each other. Consider asking God for his presence, provision, and protection as you seek to be obedient to what you have learned in this Pathways topic.

On Your Own – After the Group Time

You are to complete the following activities outside the group instruction time.

Act

Step 12 – Do your Action Plan (Step 10).

Interact

Step 13 – After you have completed your action plan, discuss with someone NOT in your study group (triad):

- What you learned through this study.
- What you learned while doing your action plan.

Reflect (Think)

Step 14 – Prayerfully think about what you learned while doing your action plan, and answer the following questions. Be ready to share your answers during the group time.

- What is something you learned about yourself?
- Were you aware of God working in and through your life? If so, how?
- How can this Pathways topic be a way you live out your identity of servant, family, or ambassador?

Step 15 – Write a summary of any personal “Aha Moments” you have had with regard to this Pathways topic. (i.e. Insights gained that are important for you to remember.)

Step 16 – What is something you should research or talk with someone else about with regard to this Pathways topic?

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Notes and Answers