

# GOD IS MORE THAN

College Group Guide







### **STUDY**

Spend the week studying 1 Peter 4:1-11

### **LANDING POINT**

I have the power and ability in Christ to live differently.



As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

# YOUR MOST IMPORTANT CHOICE

You make countless choices every day. You choose what clothes to wear, the food you eat, the ways you'll spend your free time and how much time you'll devote to studying. You're in a stage of life where the choices you make will direct the rest of your life. The major you choose will send you down a particular career path. The relationship you're in could lead to marriage, determining who you'll spend the rest of your life with. While a major and a marriage are important, the most important choice you will make in this life is whether you will live for God or for yourself.

What matters most in your life is your relationship with God. When you choose to live for Him, you discover your true identity, place and purpose in life.

# A NEW WAY OF LIVING

In 1 Peter 4:1–11, Peter calls believers to live differently from the unbelievers around them. These believers were no longer slaves to their sinful passions, which was their old way of living. Now they could choose to live in a new way. The same is true for you. You have the power and ability in Christ to live differently, despite the pressures you feel from your classmates and culture to go with the flow and live like everyone else.

When you stop and think about it, your time on this earth is very limited. What you choose to do with the time you're given will determine how you will be remembered. God wants you to choose Him and enjoy a life with Him that is defined by His self-giving love. God has given you life, gifts and the opportunity to influence those around you in a big way.

Life is short, so don't waste it on lesser things. Pursue the One who is most worthy of pursuit by choosing to live in a new way with Christ.



## QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions as a group. Remember to be respectful by not talking down to or over others.

**READ:** 1 Peter 4:1–11. In what ways is your world like the one Peter was writing to in the first century?

**Q:** What makes choosing to live for God difficult in your life right now? What could you do to make living for God less difficult?

• Name one thing you can do this week to love and serve someone else. Share a day and time you plan to do it.

**Q:** Write a letter to yourself about how you want to live differently this year. If you're comfortable, share some of what you wrote with the group.

End in prayer.